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144 feared dead as Boeing crashes on mountain

By Harvey Elliott and Our Foreign Staff in London and Martha de la Cal in Lisbon

All 144 passengers and crew on board an American Boeing 707 were feared dead after the jet crashed into a mountain in the Azores about 1,200 miles from the Portugese coast yesterday.

The US-chartered airliner was en route from Bergamo in Italy to the Dominican Republic when it crashed on the island of Santa Maria trying to land for a technical stop-over, official Portuguese sources said.

An official from the island rescue services in Angra do Heroismo on the island of Terceira said the aircraft burst into flames after crashing into the 1794ftPico Alto mountain four miles from the island's airport.

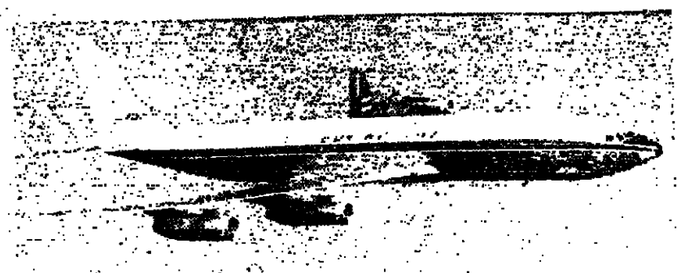
The Portugese Lusa news agency quoted a spokesman for the Azores civil protection service as saying that there appeared to be no survivors. Fifty badly mutilated bodies were found late Wednesday afternoon by rescue workers and many more, also badly mutilated, were seen to be lying around the area. Rescue operations were becoming difficult because of dense fog.

In Italy, a spokesman at Bergamo airport said that all 137 passengers were Italian and the plane's seven-man crew was American.

The 707 was one of two owned by the Independent Air Corporation, a Tennessee-based charter airline which has two Boeing 707s picking up business wherever they can around the world.

The two jets have a long history and were first delivered to TWA in 1968. Since then they have passed through a number of hands and have recently been "hush-kitted" to make them suitable for flying into European and US airports in with tight noise restrictions.

Local government sources on the nearby island of Sao Miguel said the pilot had asked the airport to prepare for an emergency landing shortly before the crash. Rescue teams were said to be searching over a wide area for fragments of the plane.



The Boeing 707: American-built jet that revolutionized air travel for millions

Portuguese naval vessels with medical teams were steaming to the island, one of the most remote of the Azores archipelago.

Mr Orien Dickersen, executive vice-president of Independent Air, said from his office in Smyrna, Tennessee, that his company flew charter flights for civilians. He said a company plane had been bound for Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, but he had no details on the accident.

The US armed forces have a big air and naval base at Lajes on the island of Terceira.

The last major Portuguese air accident occurred 12 years ago when a plane crashed on the island of Madeira, about 500 miles south-west of Lisbon, and killed more than 120 people.

If all 144 passengers and crew are confirmed dead, yesterday's crash would be the worst air disaster since December 21, when a Pan Am Boeing 747 was blown up over Scotland, killing 259 passengers and crew and 11 people on the ground.

The last Boeing 707 rolled off the production line at Boeing's Renton works near Seattle in 1977 after a total of 962 had been delivered to 74 customers world-wide.

The four-engined jet revolutionized air travel and opened up long-range, fast services for millions of passengers.

The first 707 was produced in 1957 and was based on a military jet transport known as the Dash 80, although it weighs more.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s it became the workhorse of the world's airlines and a number of different versions were produced. The aircraft which crashed was a -320B which was built to serve very long range routes and was fitted with turbofan engines.

As modern techniques cut both the cost of jet operations by introducing more efficient engines and lighter materials were used in the fuselage construction, airlines began to sell their old 707s on the second hand market and by the early 1980s most of the larger, scheduled airlines had disposed of their old fleet.

Today about 200 of the 902 built are still operating, mainly for small charter or cargo airlines.

Barely-concealed contempt draws gasps from MPs

Currie stands defiant before egg committee

By Martin Fletcher and Philip Webster

Mrs Edwina Currie staged a display of defiance when she finally appeared before the Commons agriculture committee last night and said nothing to help its emergency inquiry into the salmonella-in-eggs controversy which she helped trigger.

The former junior health minister treated the committee with a barely concealed contempt that drew gasps from the MPs, journalists and members of the public who packed the Grand Committee Room which had been commandeered for the occasion because of the massive public interest.

It was the first time that Mrs Currie had said anything about the affair since her resignation on December 17. She had had to be hauled before the committee by the threat of the indignity of a full Commons vote which would have compelled her to appear.

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But when the first question was put, she insisted on her right to make an opening statement and declared that she was there out of courtesy, not "duress". Thereafter, during 30 minutes of questioning she made a series of stonewalling replies which seemed to MPs to be designed to justify her earlier refusals to attend.

Mrs Currie, a lonely figure before the committee, had lost none of her drawing power. Queues began forming outside the committee room two hours before the session started and further crowds had gathered outside the Commons Members' Entrance to see her arrive.

She had been preceded in giving evidence by Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, his deputy Mr Richard Ryder, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Secretary of State for Health.

Although Mrs Currie's remarks added little to the sum of knowledge about the salmonella-in-eggs affair, new light was thrown on the incident when it was disclosed that the egg industry had reacted angrily when told by Mr Ryder to put its house in order — two weeks before Mrs Currie's celebrated remark that "most" egg production in this country was now infected with salmonella.

Mr Ryder told the committee that many people in the industry felt he should have cleared with them the text of a press release he had issued after his meeting with them on November 23. He had explained to them afterwards that he was not in the habit as a minister of clearing press releases "with any vested interests".

The disclosure of tensions between the ministry and the industry over the salmonella issue came amid confirmation to the committee that the ministry was drawing up tough measures to tackle salmonella several weeks before Mrs Currie's remark, made in a television interview on December 3.

This counters the impression given that the ministry was only galvanized into action by the furore created by Mrs Currie. Mr MacGregor and Mr Ryder were drawing up more than a dozen measures to deal with the issue in November.

The Times has learnt that the British Poultry Federation, which was represented at the meeting on November 23, seriously threatened to pass a vote of no confidence in Mr Ryder, whose responsibilities cover food.

Mr Clarke was repeatedly questioned on why he had not asked Mrs Currie to clarify her disputed statement.

He revealed that he had advised Mrs Currie to say nothing on the following Monday so that media attention would concentrate on the expert remarks of Sir Donald Acheson, the Chief Medical Officer, which were designed to put the salmonella threat into perspective.

However, on the Tuesday, Mrs Currie had unexpectedly been "waylaid" by journalists when giving an interview on alcohol abuse and asked about her remark. When she replied that she stood by her original statement, she had "closed the door" on the possibility of a retraction.

ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

The Italian job

● It has been called the fastest three-hour movie in history. But Francis Coppola nearly turned down the offer to make his Mafia classic. On Saturday *The Times* looks at the man who gave birth to *The Godfather*.

TODAY

● As part of Museums Year, *The Times* this week launches a unique Passport Scheme. Readers are offered a museum passport and guide for a privilege price of £3.95 (normal price £6.95), entitling them to concessions at 750 museums around the country. Full details, page 14.

WIN £132,000

● There were no winners of yesterday's £4,000 daily prize. The Portfolio Accumulator rises to £132,000.

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Secret report on poultry infection

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mrs Edwina Currie's fears over salmonella among egg-laying hens are borne out by a secret report sent to Ministers this week saying there may be up to two million infections a year in England and Wales.

The report disputes previous assurances from ministers about measures to control the spread of salmonella enteriditis because, it says, too little is known about the outbreaks.

It says there is "a new salmonella epidemic of considerable proportions" and calls for priority to be given to finding out which flocks are infected. It wants a cheap test to be developed urgently to check the infection.

Twelve officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, the Department of Health and the British Egg Industry Council who drew up the report focus on the lack of scientific evidence about the extent and cause of the disease.

Although a copy of the report has been obtained by *The Times*, it has not been made public. The working group was set up in August last year after a spate of outbreaks.

In 1987 the number of outbreaks in all strains rose to 20,532. Officials say that in the US similar figures are multiplied by 100 to give a more accurate picture.

"This implies that there may currently be up to two million salmonella infections per year in England and Wales."

The report concludes: "It is unrealistic to expect the public at large to stop consuming raw eggs; desist from consuming the large range of dishes containing eggs which receive little or no heat treatment; and always follow the stringent cooking procedures recommended to destroy salmonellae in eggs."

It said it was essential that a long-term solution to the

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JAMES GRAY

Mrs Currie leaving her London home for the Commons.

Huge exodus from Whitehall

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

The Government will today announce the biggest programme of Civil Service dispersal outside London since the early 1970s. It will eventually reduce Whitehall to a tenth of its present size.

Mr Peter Brooke, the Paymaster General, will report the results of a year-long study by Treasury officials of the prospects for a move. He will style it a "rolling programme" in which individual ministers will make their own decisions.

But the concept is that within a decade up to 90 per cent of the 115,000 Civil Servants in greater London will have moved.

Total Civil Service numbers, excluding manual workers, are about 580,000. The biggest movements will be of officials in the Department of Social Security, the Inland Revenue and the Department of Employment.

The DSS recently announced its scheme for drastically slimming down dole office staff in the capital by responding to claimants' questions through a computer link with its offices in the North and Scotland.

Whitehall sources have suggested Mr Brooke will give

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Private sector crime-fighting scheme backed

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A private sector initiative to tackle crime in Britain's towns and cities, with companies funding research and co-ordinating the crime fighting activities of police and local authorities, is being backed by the Government.

A scheme is about to be launched in Luton, Bedfordshire with Vauxhall, one of the biggest employers in the area, taking the lead in raising funds for a three-year project to co-ordinate crime prevention and focus on problems which most worry local people.

Three other schemes are close to being announced, and a further dozen could be ready by the end of the year.

Eventually it is hoped to have a network of "privatized" crime prevention centres across the country in which the private sector takes the lead not only in finding the resources, but also contributing ideas and staff to developing plans to tackle crime.

Behind the plans is the government-backed organization Crime Concern, set up last year under Mr Steven Norris, recently elected as the Conservative MP for Epping Forest.

Crime Concern estimates that the appointment of a special co-ordinator in each area, backed by support staff, will cost £35,000-£50,000 a year. The co-ordinators would be responsible for ensuring that the agencies involved in crime prevention and the often limited resources available for it were directed at the areas which most bother local communities.

Since Crime Concern was formed with a £500,000 government grant last year it has been talking to private industry about the Government's new emphasis on crime prevention.

Mr Norris said yesterday: "Firms are beginning to realize there could be rewards for them in exciting, imaginative schemes ... There is growing realization in the police that prevention is better than cure and represents significantly better value for money."

At Luton police and the town council are closely in-

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Shares reach new high

Share prices reached a new post-crash high but failed to stay above the 2,100 level.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 23.4 up at 2,096.2, having touched 2,106.1 at one point.

Another record-breaking run overnight in Tokyo and strong gains on Wall Street set the pace for London trading.

Market-makers were again caught in a massive bear squeeze, reinforcing claims that some firms have suffered big losses since the start of the new year rally.

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King's Cross fireman in test case over Aids fear

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

An injured fireman who lifted an HIV-positive victim from the King's Cross fire, is planning to sue London Underground over his fear of having contracted Aids. His is one of two test cases to emerge from the tragedy.

The other involves the widow of a firefighter, Mr Colin Townsley, who died leading the rescue of trapped passengers. This case is expected to produce the first court claim in this country for "preimpact terror" — the fear experienced by her husband when he knew he was going to die.

Both cases break new ground. That involving the fear of Aids is thought to be the first in which a person has sought compensation for the fear of contracting a fatal disease rather than actually contracting it. And while "preimpact terror" has been part of negotiated settlements arising out of disasters no such award has ever been made by the courts.

Mr Andrew Dinsmore, believed to be the only solicitor who has begun proceedings over claims arising from the fire, said that the courts had acknowledged the concept of "nervous shock" directly caused by witnessing a horrendous event.

"But we are trying to push beyond that and to extend the grounds.

"The fear of knowing that you are going to die is a horrendous fear, and a person would want a lot of money for it."

The claims are among a number being pursued by Mr Dinsmore with the backing of either the Fire Brigades Union or, in one case, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Fireman, after the breakdown of negotiations with London Regional Transport.

Mrs Townsley's claim will be given an April hearing date at which her amount of compensation will be decided. So far Mrs Townsley has been offered an interim payment of £20,000.

But Mr Dinsmore said that, whatever she was awarded, it would certainly be less than the amount of £300,000 reputed to have been collected by the two London Transport officials who resigned after the fire.

He added that because the case had not been settled, Mrs Townsley would now be put through the trauma of a court appearance, having to give details of her domestic situation when her husband was alive and hear details of the circumstances of his death.

He accepted he had not exchanged medical evidence as the court rules provided. But he said that no medical evidence was needed in the case of a death; and in the cases of six injured fireman he said he would supply his medical evidence when he received that from London Underground.

A hearing date is still awaited over the claims lodged by the six firemen for injuries suffered.

About 75 other claims, arising out of the fire in November 1987, are thought still to be outstanding.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Another 550 pit jobs to be axed

British Coal yesterday announced that 550 jobs are to go at Cotgrave Colliery near Nottingham because of heavy losses.

The number of jobs to be reduced represents half the workforce and is a futher blow to the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which is fighting a campaign to keep another mine open. The coal board review which put the Cotgrave jobs in jeopardy has already led to the proposed shutdown of Blidworth Colliery, near Mansfield, with the loss of 770 jobs, and the streamlining of Gedling Colliery, near Nottingham, where there will be 450 redundancies.

Last week British Coal said it wanted to shut Barnburgh, near Doncaster, and a nearby coal preparation plant with the loss of 750 jobs.

● More than 600 workers at the Sizewell B nuclear power construction site in Suffolk went on a strike yesterday in protest at the laying off of 100 workers for refusing to accept a shift system.

Minister's romance

Mr Pat Gallagher, a junior minister in the Marine Department of the Irish government, yesterday confirmed that he is romantically involved with Ann Gillespie, a convicted IRA terrorist who served nine years in a British prison. She was convicted with her sister Evelyn in 1974 of conspiring to cause explosions in Manchester and of possessing bomb-making equipment. They were sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment. Mr Gallagher, aged 40, a Fianna Fail MP, said: "We have done nothing wrong nor anything to be ashamed of. She is a very nice girl and has suffered enough and deserves the chance of a normal life."

Forces home scheme

A mortgage finance package for members of the armed forces has been launched with the support of the Ministry of Defence. The package, designed by Gardner Mountain Financial Services, is one of three given the blessing of the ministry in its advice to personnel on buying homes. Under the scheme, 100 per cent mortgages are available at three times salary up to a purchase price of £90,000. An estimated year's rental income can be included provided the owner takes out a managed letting protection policy.

Record art pledge

The Royal Academy of Arts will disclose the biggest single sponsorship for an exhibition in Britain when it announces today that £450,000 has been pledged for the Royal Treasures of Sweden 1500-1700, to be opened by Queen Silvia of Sweden on March 15. The record was held by the Royal Academy after Lloyds Bank underwote the Age of Chivalry exhibition for £400,000 last year. The Swedish exhibition, sponsored by Gamlestaden, the financial services company, will be on show at Burlington House, Piccadilly, central London, until June 18.

Bank union fight

The TUC was last night urged to back a campaign aimed at restoring negotiating rights to the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union after the Midland Bank decided that it would no longer recognize its right to negotiate on terms and conditions. The union is also to ask the TUC to ensure that no inter-union membership war breaks out in the financial services sector. The bank said the union was not a credible participant in collective bargaining as it represented only about 7 per cent of the bank's staff.

Botham assault trial

The England cricketer Ian Botham is to stand trial, accused of head-butting a hotel security man in the face after a dispute over a taxi. Mr Botham had been questioned by police but was released without charge after the alleged incident at the Sheraton Park Hotel, in Knightsbridge, west London, just before Christmas. However, Mr Kevin Batten, of Yateley, Surrey, has been granted a summons for common assault against the cricketer.

Privatization crisis after EEC quality ruling

Ridley 'must win' in water battle

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

Privatization of the water industry could be thrown into chaos by the European Commission's insistence on water quality standards being reached, according to leaked documents disclosed yesterday.

Minutes of a meeting of the "privatization committee" at the Water Authorities' Association say agreement between the Department of the Environment and the European Commission is vital if privatization is to proceed.

The minutes say: "DoE is taking the lead on this and they *must* succeed." (italics in the original.)

The minutes were made public by Friends of the Earth, whose spokesman, Mr Andrew Lees, said that the water authorities and the Government had entered a "shabby conspiracy" to block the European rules on improving drinking water. The minutes also disclose the water authorities' anxiety that the sale of the 10 English and Welsh water authorities will be disrupted because of the priority the Government gives to electricity. Water, the minutes say, "is politically less popular, and therefore needs to get in early to avoid danger of being ditched as the electricity floats begin or as the 1991-92 election gets nearer."

On Tuesday the European Commission gave Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, an ultimatum over his attempt to exempt the water authorities temporarily from a directive requiring British water to be brought up to the commission's standards of water quality. Either Mr Ridley drops the clauses in the water privatization Bill allowing him to make the exemptions or he will face a suit before the European Court of Justice.

The Department of the Environment said that negotiations with Brussels were still going on and that Mr Ridley would not act except in accordance with European law.

The environment secretary has been anxious to delay imposing the European standards on the water authorities since meeting them would entail massive new investment, which would jeopardize the sell-off.

The leaked minutes indicate that the water authorities are seeking a guarantee from the Government that the cost of any new work to meet exacting water standards undertaken after privatization would be passed on in their entirety to householders.

Other leaked documents from the Water Authorities Association disclose its ambitious plans to convince the public that water quality is adequate and that privatization will be beneficial.

The association has been thinking of a £30 million campaign, involving full-page newspaper advertisements, sending propaganda to schools and emphasizing the "good news" of privatization in communications with water industry personnel.

● A water board last night confirmed its controversial price increase, the highest in the country. Yorkshire Water Authority officials admitted consumer consultative committees were concerned about the new charges, which will average 13.1 per cent but they stressed they had no alternative to the April increases.

● "Weak" consumers can only be protected against powerful water, gas and electricity monopolies if the Government appoints strong regulators to oversee the effects of privatization, the National Consumers Council says in report published today.

After a critical review of consumers' experience at the hands of British Gas, British Telecom and the British Airports Authority, the council calls for regulatory control of both quality of service and prices:

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Shipyard dismisses 1,200 men

By Peter Davenport and Tim Jones

Twelve hundred shipyard workers on the Tyne were dismissed yesterday after breaking a no-strike agreement that was crucial to their company winning a £30 million North Sea oil contract. They walked out of Charlton Leslie Offshore Ltd after management refused their demand for bonuses for competing the order on time.

The order, for converting a semi-submersible vessel into a floating production system, had been agreed with Amerada Hess, an American oil company, because of the no-strike clause, thought to be unique in the shipbuilding industry.

As the April completion date drew closer, the company was affected by at least five walk-outs by members of the electricians' union (EETPU) and the GMB general union.

After the latest walk-out, over the demand for bonus payments, Mr Peter Wilson, the company's chief executive, said: "The no-strike deal was a fundamental part of their contract of employment. We did not dismiss the men, they dismissed themselves.

"We have been plagued by unofficial strikes lasting from a couple of hours to a couple of days. They were after something not provided for by their conditions of contract and we are not prepared to give it to them."

Last night, unions and management were meeting to try to resolve the dispute.

Police set for a break from jail

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Policemen attending to their duties at Wandsworth jail in London for the last time yesterday. The 282 prison officers who were suspended return to work today after voting unanimously to end their dispute over shift patterns and manning levels.

Drug barons 'benefit from EEC fraud'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The head of the office set up last April to combine the skills of the police, lawyers and accountants in combating serious fraud has confirmed ministerial fears that drug barons and terrorists are among those benefiting fraudulently from EEC agricultural subsidies.

Most of the 7,000 Customs and Excise staff in Britain involved in overseeing EEC agricultural policy are being given special training in recognizing and preventing EEC fraud. Mr John Wood, director of the serious fraud office, has told the budget committee of the European Parliament: "We believe that money obtained by fraud is being used to finance the drug trade and to buy arms for terrorists. We do not want 1992 to encourage this."

Mr Wood told the committee on January 24 that the complexity of EEC legislation was "an encouragement to fraud". He called for steps to make it simpler to understand and to administer.

Complexity was enabling offenders to use the excuse that they did not understand the regulations, Mr Wood said. "It is a mistake to believe that criminals in this field are not expert. Many of them are and they are advised by greater experts with legal and accountancy training." Their efforts were guided by "professional loophole finders", he said.

Mr Wood said his department co-operated in investigating serious cases. Customs and Excise training in EEC law started last year.

Election pact is floated by Owen

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Dr David Owen yesterday held out an olive branch to the other opposition parties while campaigning for the SDP candidate in the Richmond by-election.

Pointedly not ruling out the possibility of his rejoining a remodelled Labour Party if it continued down the path of moderation, he also floated the possibility of a pre-election pact embracing both Labour and the Democrats.

He said that might lead to SDP candidates standing down where other opposition parties stood a better chance of beating the Conservatives – or vice-versa.

Dr Owen added that the June Euro-elections offered an opportunity to put this thinking into practice. The clear implication was that in return for Labour adopting a "sensible programme" he would endorse it and so enhance its credibility, particularly in key Tory/Labour marginals. However, he said Labour had a long way to go before adopting policies he could support.

Not surprisingly, given the passions generated by the contest for the North Yorkshire seat, where the Tories are defending a 19,576 majority, there were few signs yesterday of Dr Owen's overtures striking a chord in rival camps.

● Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, forecast yesterday that Labour's traditional grip on the valleys of Wales was set to end because of the Conservative-inspired boost in the economy.

Speaking at Pontyclun, Mid Glamorgan, in the run-up to the Pontypridd by-election, he said £45 million of investment in five years had brought 3,100 jobs to the area.

The Welsh nationalists brought in Mr Jim Sillars, the surprise Scottish nationalist victor at Glasgow Govan. Like the SNP at Govan last November, Plaid Cymru is starting in fourth place.

However, Dr Kim Howells the Labour candidate and favorite, dismissed the Govan factor. "If anything, support is moving our way", he said.

Richmond, general election: I. Britain, QC, (C) 34,995; D. Lloyd-Williams (Lab) 15,419; F Robson (Lib) 6,757. Maj: 19,576.
Pontypridd, general election: S J John (Lab) 26,422; D Swayne (C) 9,148; P G Soln-Lay-Berry (SDP/Alli) 8,958; D L Bowen (PC) 2,498. Maj: 17,277.

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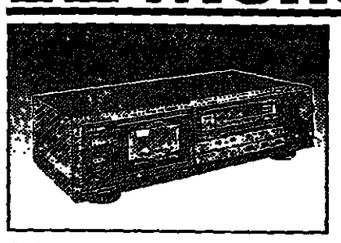
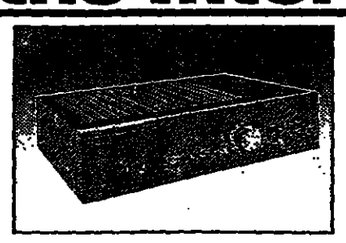

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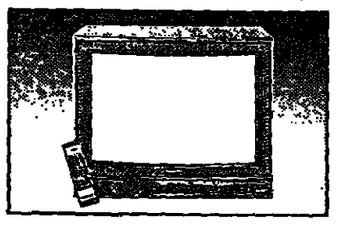
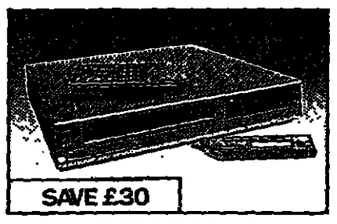

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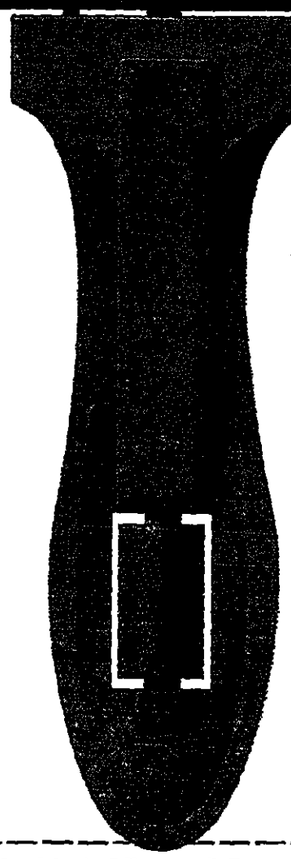

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Rapist gets 12 years for brutal attack on mother and teenager

A rapist who "had his best night's sleep for several months" after fulfilling his fantasies by attacking a mother and daughter was jailed for 12 years yesterday.

Charles Hawkins, aged 28, a master sergeant at the Bentwaters US Air Force base in Suffolk, told police after his arrest that he "felt high" after raping the mother, aged 46, and sexually assaulting her daughter, aged 14.

"I was satisfied. Something rotten and twisted inside me had gone. I had just got a monkey off my back", he said.

Hawkins, who later sought psychiatric help and admitted feeling ashamed about his attack, admitted rape, indecent assault, aggravated burglary, the robbery of £55 and attempted sexual assault in Melton, Suffolk, on October 19 last year. Sentences for each will run concurrently.

Dubbed the "Monster of Melton" by residents, he kept a scrapbook of pornography and a type-written account of his fantasies. Bury St Edmunds Crown Court was told.

"These were sentences of a sordid and sinister kind — not about love and gentleness but about the domination and defilement of women and young girls", Mr Graham Parkins, counsel for the prosecution, said.

"It was almost a script for his attack on these women, with incidents of tying-up, binding and gagging, cutting off their clothes with a knife and taking pictures with an Instamatic camera. All these hidden features came together the night he broke into their home."

Hawkins, the court was told, nursed an obsession to dominate and degrade women. After his arrest, he told police that he enjoyed prowling around at night as a "release" from the pressures of work at his air base.

Detectives believe he spent days stalking his victims before breaking into their home, a woolly hat pulled over his face to hide his features.

After raping, assaulting and taking indecent photographs of the gagged and bound mother, he forced her daughter into a bedroom at knifepoint and committed a serious sexual offence. As he left the house, he told the mother: "She is still alive and still a virgin. But I'll be back."

Mr Gareth Hawksworth, counsel for the defence, told the court: "He was in the grip of a powerful and sadistic obsession — a fantasy that he turned into reality.

"His offences were precipitated by stress. He was one of the youngest master sergeants in the United States Air Force and an increasing amount of responsibility was being put on his shoulders.

"He led the honour guard at the base and was in charge of all police and security matters."

Colleagues at the base were said to be "astonished" when he was arrested two weeks after the attack.

His wife described him as a gentle, undemanding and easy-going man who was a loving father to their two young children.

Although nothing in his past suggested a brutal character, detectives were convinced after the attack that the man they were seeking lived locally and knew the area. Within hours they had obtained a detailed list of everyone seen in the village at the time of the rape, locals and strangers alike.

More than 200 people volunteered information and thousands of reports were fed into a computer for analysis.

Soon Hawkins's name appeared on the screen, with the telling fact that his car had been parked near the scene of the crime at the relevant time.

Detectives interviewed him at the base, where he admitted the attack almost at once.

Mr Justice Alliott told him: "I accept that you led a blameless and distinguished life until that evening. But what you did was planned and scripted in these awful pieces of writing I have had to wade through.

"You have ruined the lives of these two women, who are both still suffering from the psychiatric aftermath of the attack."

Det Supt David Moss, deputy head of Suffolk CID, said yesterday: "There is a definite feeling of relief in the village. Until today, no one could be really sure. Now they know we have got the right man and they can begin to feel secure again."

He praised the two victims, who were in court to see their attacker unmasked and sentenced. "They reacted to a sickening ordeal with outstanding strength and bravery. They are still being counselled and they will carry the mental scars for the rest of their lives."

Hawkins is expected to serve his sentence in this country.

Heath backs rail protest

ALAN WELLER

Mr Edward Heath, the former Prime Minister, supporting more than 1,000 people protesting at Westminster yesterday against plans for a rail link from the Channel tunnel through Kent and south-east London. He criticized British Rail for failing to take sufficient account of the environmental impact. The MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup was given a petition carrying 30,000 signatures.

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Suspect accuses police of trying to murder him

By Michael Horsnell

A man accused of a post office robbery claimed yesterday that police tried to kill him because of the help he had given detectives pursuing a national police anti-corruption investigation.

Paul Cannon, aged 40, said he was the victim of a police conspiracy because he made enemies when he "fingered" officers in Operation Countryman.

Mr Cannon is facing trial at Bristol Crown Court for attempted robbery at a sub-post office in Aldershot, Hampshire, in 1985.

The attempt was foiled because a postman locked a security door on bags containing money.

Within hours, police tried to arrest Mr Cannon after his black B-registered Lancia Delta Turbo was seen racing from the scene, the court was told.

Armed officers were sent to his home in Exmouth, Devon, but Mr Cannon fled, claiming they shot through his windscreen as he got away.

He told the court yesterday that he was worried that they were enemies from his past.

He left the country, living in Spain and France, and was not charged with the attempted robbery until November 1987.

Yesterday he said he had been given a new identity to protect him after his part in Operation Countryman.

He said he was called Roger Dennhardt until his release from prison in 1981. He was then taken to Falmouth, Cornwall, where he started a new life as Paul Cannon.

He told the court that his past was known to officers when they tried to stop him for questioning about the post office charge.

"I was a man who gave evidence to a major inquiry into bent policing. This is a police conspiracy to cover up the shooting of my vehicle and me on the night of April 15."

Supt John Essery of Devon and Cornwall police, who led the Exmouth inquiry, denied Mr Cannon's accusation.

"There was no conspiracy I was aware of or involved in", he said. "The constabulary did not know of your presence at Falmouth or Exmouth other than your name of Paul Cannon."

Mr Cannon denies attempted robbery. The case continues today.

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Girl, 14, raped at knifepoint

A rapist abducted a girl aged 14 at knifepoint, drove her for two miles and tried to strangle and batter her to death.

In a separate attack a man brandishing a shotgun tied up a courting couple and raped the woman, aged 18.

The schoolgirl, from Abingdon, Oxfordshire, was grabbed as she walked home along a footpath after spending Tuesday evening with a girl friend.

She noticed a red car parked near John Morris Road. The bonnet was raised.

As the girl walked past, a man approached her, wielding a knife, and forced her into his car. He then drove to Oday Hill, near Sutton Courtenay, and pulled on to waste ground.

Supt Alan Davis of Abingdon police said: "The girl was raped in the car and as she attempted to struggle, the man punched her repeatedly in the head".

The man tried to strangle her before using a heavy instrument to batter her head, causing severe scalp wounds.

He drove off and she staggered to a nearby house. The girl was detained yesterday in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. The rapist was 5ft 8ins to 6ft tall with dark hair. He was wearing jeans and a blue ski jacket which had white arms and red patches.

The gunpoint rape took place in a car park popular with courting couples in Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

The hooded rapist, who was wearing a camouflage jacket and carrying a single-barrelled shotgun, opened the car door and dragged out the couple.

Police have set up a hotline on 0892 511282 for information about the attack at midnight on Tuesday.

Trustees of kidney centre questioned

By David Sapstead

Trustees of the National Kidney Centre were yesterday questioned by the Barnet Health Authority team investigating claims that the charity had become involved in the sale of kidneys.

The Charity Commission is also expected to look at the running of the centre in Finchley, north London, which offers dialysis to wealthy foreigners awaiting kidney transplants. Dr Raymond Crockett, medical director of the centre, has been reported to the General Medical Council over allegations of his involvement.

Mr Ken Westall, the centre's administrative director, was dismissed at the weekend by the trustees after he admitted writing an untruthful letter to ease the passage through UK immigration of one of four Turks who sold their kidneys for up to £3,265 after operations at the Humana Wellington hospital in north London last year.

At the time Mr Westall was not employed at the centre. Both he and Dr Crockett have denied any knowing involvement in the sale.

The trustees are looking at the financing of the centre, which has recorded an operating loss for several years.

The centre's role has changed dramatically since it was set up in 1966 as a charitable trust to offer dialysis to Britons unable to get treatment from the National Health Service. It also aimed to undertake research and to raise funds to sponsor projects elsewhere. No such work has been undertaken in recent years.

The original backers, a wealthy businessman and a former mayor of Finchley, are now dead. The first medical director was Dr Stanley Shaldon, formerly of the Royal Free Hospital and a pioneer in dialysis. He left in 1978.

Dr Crockett, who had worked under him as a registrar at the Royal Free, took over as medical director.

The trustees are said to be alarmed by reports that Dr Crockett had refused the Barnet inquiry team access to papers relating to the centre.

Any formal inquiry by the Charity Commissioners is expected to concentrate on the continuing validity of the centre's status as a charity.

Mother's killer hunted

By Mark Ellis

A killer on a bicycle who bludgeoned and stabbed to death a young mother was on the run last night, putting women alone in Green Belt commuter villages in fear of their lives.

Police believe Mrs Julia Barrett, aged 31, let her killer into her luxury home in the Chiltern Hills village of St Leonard's in Buckinghamshire shortly before she was due to collect her son Simon, aged eight, and her daughter Rebecca, aged five, from school.

Anxious teachers called her husband, Mr Graham Barrett, a builder at work in London, and he telephoned a neighbour, who discovered Mrs Barrett's battered body in a downstairs room of the couple's newly renovated home in Gilberts Hill.

Her attacker fled in her blue Ford Fiesta, which was later found abandoned.

Police are working on a theory that a white mountain cycle, stolen the day before the murder in Chesham and found in woodland only 300 yards from the house, is linked with the murder.

Clash of TV heavyweights

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

A warm-up bout for the Frank Bruno-Mike Tyson title fight involving Britain's broadcasting heavyweights and assorted bewigged gentlemen opened in the High Court yesterday.

At stake is who should be allowed to screen the championship contest on television in Britain when it is staged in Las Vegas on February 25.

In one corner, ITV claims it has exclusive British rights to the contest as part of a four-fight package involving Tyson, according to Mr David Eady, QC, its counsel.

In the other corner, the BBC and Sky Television say they have contracts with Bruno which should allow them to screen the fight for the world heavyweight championship.

Also represented in the Court 10 ring are Bruno, Tyson, Mr Terry Lawless, Bruno's manager, Mr Geoffrey Petts, Bruno's agent for British television rights, Mr Bill Cayton, Tyson's estranged manager, and Mr Don King, his former promoter.

The referee for the contest, which is set to last four days, is Mr Justice Hirst, who displayed a sense of humour during initial sparring yesterday. "So you would like a judgement by February 25", he said, when informed of the fight date.

The ITV companies are seeking an injunction to stop the BBC and Sky from screening the bout. They claim they bought exclusive British rights when they paid $2 million in a four-fight agreement last year. They said $1.25 million had already changed hands for the first three Tyson fights.

Bruno maintains he has an agreement with Tyson for the British television rights and is selling them to Sky and the BBC. However, ITV says these deals are ruled out by the earlier agreement.

Mr Eady said the ITV companies bought the package from Tyson and Mr Cayton through Mr King. The contract was "partly oral, partly written, and partly to be inferred."

Any subsequent agreements entered into by other parties which were inconsistent with that deal would mean Mr Cayton and Tyson would be in breach of their obligation to ITV, Mr Eady said.

Sky and the BBC based their rights on contracts entered into with Bruno on December 23 last year and January 4. It would be argued that Tyson had no power to promise rights for the fight to ITV, that Mr King had no authority to act on behalf of Tyson or Mr Cayton, and that the first three fights were not part of a package. The case continues today.

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MoD rejects request for details of ex-employees

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence angered a senior Commons select committee yesterday by rejecting its request for details of all senior personnel who have left to take up jobs with private defence contractors.

Members of the Tory-controlled defence committee may demand a list of every senior Civil Servant and serviceman who has left the ministry in the past five years. It would then use its unqualified powers to demand information, either in writing or verbally, from everyone on the list.

To ensure that no corruption or impropriety had been involved, MPs would want to know whether those concerned were employed by defence contractors and in what capacity, whether they had had contractual dealings with their new employer while at the Ministry of Defence, and whether the Government had imposed any conditions on their new appointment.

The committee, concerned that all business appointments should be seen to be above board, has over several years made repeated requests to the ministry for such information.

It has described as "disturbing" the limited statistics the ministry has provided. These show that senior defence staff account for a growing and disproportionate number of applications to take up outside appointments which are referred to the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee, and that restrictions or conditions are seldom imposed, even where the applicant and his prospective employer had had direct contractual dealings.

The committee maintains that complete openness about business appointments is vital if public suspicion is not to be aroused when those responsible for awarding multi-million-pound government contracts to defence contractors subsequently went to work for them.

It has argued that the public interest had to take priority over an individual's right to confidentiality. In the latest of a series of increasingly threatening reports, the committee reminded the Ministry of Defence last July that it had power to summon every former ministry employee. It concluded: "We hope that we will not find it necessary to take a course so wearisome to all concerned".

In an uncompromising reply yesterday the ministry rejected the committee's arguments and refused even to give the committee information it wanted in confidence.

The ministry said it was "acutely conscious" of the need to avoid corruption or impropriety, but insisted the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee was an independent body which provided a rigorous scrutiny of applications to take up business appointments.

It said that to make details of the applications public would destroy the principle of confidentiality on which the whole system depended, and that its employees had to be treated in the same way as all other Crown servants.

The ministry's reply would almost certainly have been drawn up in conjunction with the Cabinet Office.

Members of the committee were angered not just by the contents of the reply but also by the fact that they were not sent copies before it was made available generally.

Mr Bruce George, a senior Labour member, said: "Many on the committee will be very angry not just at the discourtesy but at the outright rejection of a report unanimously approved by an all-party committee which was putting forward eminently sensible suggestions to protect the public interest".

Mr John Cartwright, SDP defence spokesman and a member of the committee, said he was "concerned that this indicates a growing unwillingness to co-operate on the part of the MoD".

Liquid assets to tempt the discerning historian

COLIN SHEPHERD

Mrs Trudy Spencer, tour guide at Harvey's Wine Museum in Bristol, checks some of the exhibits she asks 20,000 visitors a year to taste.

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

There are few museums which include a trip to a public house in their tour, but then there are few which have a pub as part of the museum. Every tour of Harvey's Wine Museum in Bristol ends in the Unicorn Inn, a recreated eighteenth-century tavern set in the original wine cellars used by the company from its inception in 1796.

Mrs Trudy Spencer, a tour guide, invites 20,000 visitors a year to sample some of the company's sherries.

The Unicorn – named after Bristol's emblematic beast – has been a feature of the wine museum for more than 30 years, gradually being built from items acquired by the company. Wall panelling was rescued from a house near by, the inglenook fireplace is from another, and the spittoon, a prerequisite in every dockside tavern, dates from the nineteenth century and is made from the shell of a giant turtle.

The museum tells the story of the wine trade in Bristol since it began 700 years ago. It uses ancient and modern equipment to show how wine is made, stored and drunk, and includes one of the world's finest collections of decanters, labels and eighteenth-century drinking glasses. The cellars were once used as stores by the Hospital of the Gaunts which stood on the site.

Harvey's is one of the hundreds of museums around Britain participating in *The Times* Museums Year Passport scheme. They are all described in *The Times Museums Year Guide.*

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Roman site saved from bulldozers

By Peter Davenport

A site in the centre of York that may contain the remains of the imperial residence of a Roman emperor was reprieved from the threat of imminent destruction yesterday when the Government's National Curriculum Council agreed to find another base for its headquarters.

The decision to occupy offices to be built near the Ouse instead of a development planned for the Micklegate area came after long negotiations with the developers, archaeologists and the city council.

It had been feared that the delay in building work, caused by the dispute over the fate of remains discovered by archaeologists, would force the curriculum council to look for offices elsewhere and cost York 200 jobs. New national curriculums must be produced in all subjects by the summer of next year.

Today a team of scientists are to begin a radar scan of the Queen's Hotel site in Micklegate to produce a detailed picture of the extent of the ruins below ground. Some archaeologists believe that remains of a wall already uncovered may be those of the imperial residence of Emperor Septimus Severus who ruled the Roman Empire from York between AD208 and his death in 211.

Yesterday Dr Peter Addeyman, director of the York Archaeological Trust, which has been excavating the site, said it was the first time that such equipment had been used on an archaeological dig in this country.

The site has changed hands and the new developer's proposals would mean less damage to the remains and allow archaeological and building work side by side.

Dr Addeyman said the radar scan would provide an accurate picture of what lay below ground so that the developer could be told where to drive its foundation piles to cause the least possible damage.

Members of the York Archaeological Trust still intend to leave the site by tomorrow's original deadline because they have no funds to mount further excavations. The new agreement means that remains can be left intact for future generations of archeologists, with more advanced techniques, to study.

The developer, archaeologists and the local authority hope to persuade the Department of the Environment not to press ahead with a public inquiry which could delay building by a year.

The new arrangements for the National Curriculum Council – at present in temporary offices in the city – also include a 13-week programme for archaeologists to investigate the riverside site before building work starts. The £130,000 excavation costs will be met by the developer and landowner.

It is hoped that such agreements will provide the blueprint for future arrangements with developers in York.

Urban farms schemes among 124 entries

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Community development projects from throughout the United Kingdom have been submitted for the fourth annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by *The Times* and The Royal Institute of British Architects.

Among the 124 entries are urban farms, housing co-operatives, managed work spaces and environmental improvement projects. The number of entries from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland is the largest yet.

The Prince of Wales, patron of the award scheme, will present the prizes at the institute's headquarters in London on June 27.

Mr John Thompson, who is chairing a working group organizing the day's event, said plans would shortly be announced for the award ceremony to be part of the first Community Day held at RIBA. It would include a conference involving business and community leaders, politicians and central and local government officers.

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MORI survey reveals British attitudes to road safety, tax and rapidly increasing congestion

1.5m motorists drink and drive

By Kevin Eason, Motor Industry Correspondent

Motorists condemn dangerous driving standards but as many as 1.5 million drive while over the legal alcohol limit, a MORI survey has shown.

Only 2 per cent of 1,576 motorists questioned admitted being bad drivers, but 5 per cent, when asked whether they obeyed speed limits and other road laws, admitted driving while over the limit.

That figure, extrapolated, means that as many as 1.5 million British drivers regularly take to the roads after drinking too much.

Sixty-five per cent of those surveyed also admitted that they had knowingly broken the speed limit in the past six months.

Within that total, men were the worst offenders, with three-quarters admitting that they broke the law. The number of male offenders soared to 83 per cent in the 17-24 age category, but was reduced to 50 per cent in the over-65 group.

A third of those questioned said they had driven while feeling very tired, an action motoring organizations says can lead to accidents and one that could lead to prosecution if proposals in the new White Paper on road traffic laws are accepted.

Six per cent also told researchers they had driven their cars knowing there was a mechanical fault that made their vehicle unsafe.

Forty per cent said the general standard of driving on British roads was bad, but thought everyone else was to blame. When asked to rate their own performance, 75 per cent said their driving was good.

The MORI survey, for Britain's biggest independent car retailer, Lex Service, builds a fascinating picture of motorists and the way they perceive themselves.

Two-thirds of British households run a car, but 32 per cent have two, and 7 per cent three or more cars.

The average profile of the British driver is male, middle-class and middle-aged, but the survey shows a near-doubling in the number of women holding driving licences in the past two decades to 46 per cent.

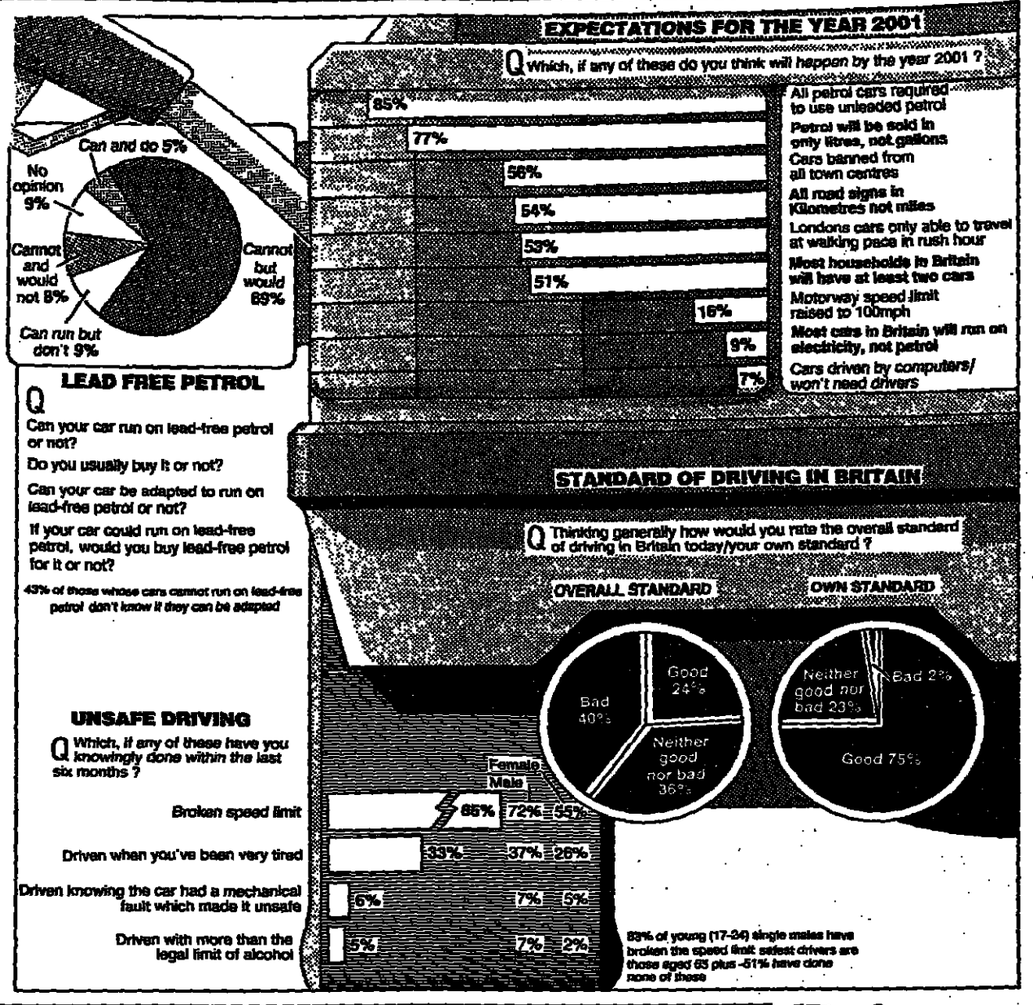
The average motorist travels 10,200 miles a year, with the most mileage covered by "Dinkies" — high-income married couples with no children — who average 13,500 miles. Most family mileage comes from the weekly shopping trip and travelling to work, accounting for 61 per cent.

A third of cars are bought new, while 41 per cent are more than six years old. Hatchbacks dominate the market, accounting for 53 per cent of models.

Only 18 per cent of women said they were able to carry out a six-point safety and maintenance check of oil levels, tyre pressure, changing a tyre, starting the car either with jump leads or push-starting and changing a headlamp bulb. However, nine out of 10 men claimed competence in all six departments.

Many, however, seemed to show little understanding of the Government's campaign to persuade motorists to switch to lead-free fuel.

While drivers said exhaust fumes were the biggest pollution worry faced by the country, only 5 per cent had cars that could run on lead-free petrol.



Firm's car tax rise is feared

Staff who fear taxes on their company cars could double in the Budget may demand pay increases from their employers to compensate.

Thirty-five per cent of company car drivers questioned in the MORI survey said they would seek such increases if Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, doubled taxation, in his Budget on March 14.

Another eight per cent would consider giving up their company cars and 16 per cent would be less interested in driving a company car. The tax rise would cost drivers between £400 and £1,800 annually.

The survey also revealed implications for car manufacturers.

Seven per cent of the MORI sample said they would switch to a smaller engined car to move out of expensive tax brackets.

This market is traditionally the province of such Japanese manufacturers as Nissan, which plans to build its own Micra model in Britain at its Sunderland plant, and Toyota, also considering a UK site.

European makers such as Jaguar and Mercedes, however, say that 80 per cent of their output goes to company sales. They could suffer from a switch to smaller engined cars.

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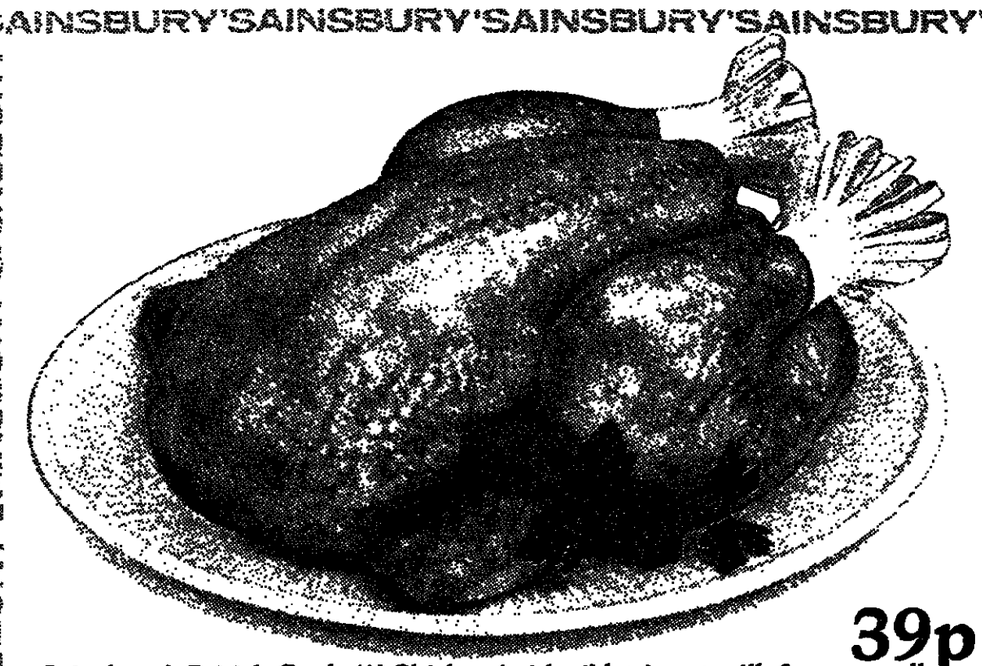

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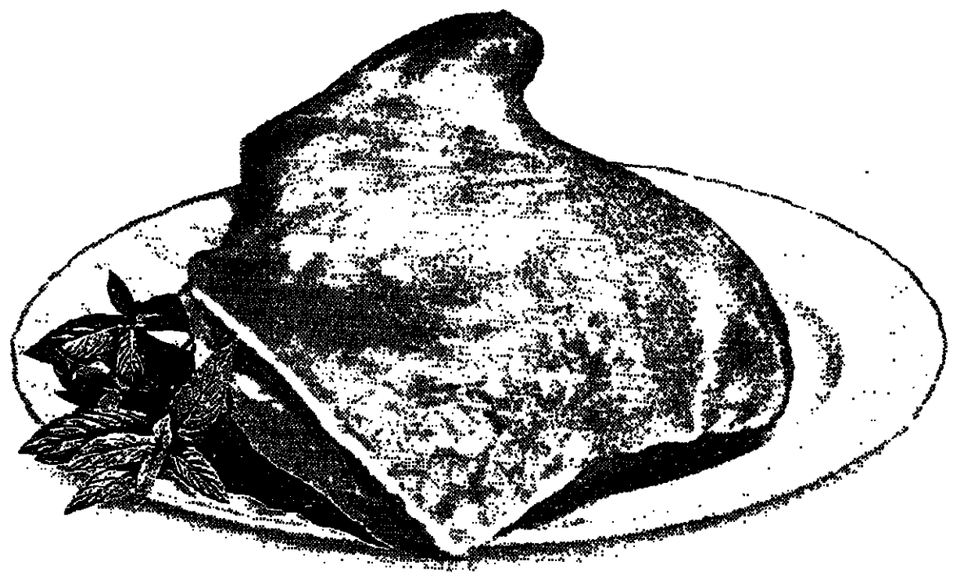

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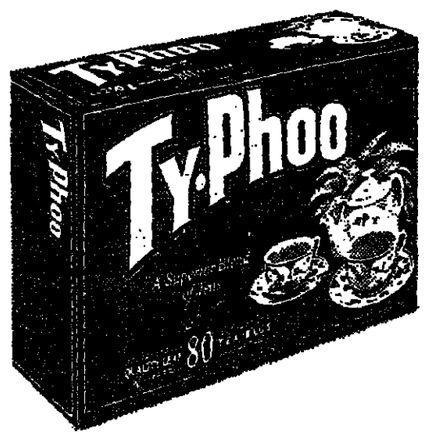

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Drivers remain in seats despite jams

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

Britain faces a future of massive traffic congestion, with the prospect of an extra 2,600,000 cars flooding on to the roads in the next two years.

However, the survey by MORI reveals that drivers are unwilling to switch to public transport even though they understand that more traffic could bring more restrictions.

A total of 70 per cent told MORI that they would not use public transport even if services were improved. Instead, 84 per cent said they would find it very difficult to adjust to life without a car.

The poll says car ownership will soar, with more households owning more than one vehicle.

Despite gloomy industry predictions that sales are set to slump, MORI found buyers in buoyant mood with one in ten expecting to increase the number of vehicles in their households in the next two years.

The number of two-car families could increase from 32 per cent to 39 per cent and four-car families from 1 per cent to 3 per cent.

MORI's projections say that means another 2,600,000 cars cramming the nation's already crowded roads system.

Mr Daniel Jones, European director of the International Motor Vehicle Project, which is examining the future of the car industry, said: "An increase in the number of cars of this order coming on to the roads has huge implications for the roads".

He said the Government must study more investment in other forms of transport, which would allow motorists to mix their journeys between car and rail, and not just road improvements.

More than two-thirds of motorists told MORI they shunned buses and coaches and 58 per cent said they did not use trains or the London Underground.

Despite that, 40 per cent of those questioned were dissatisfied with their local road network and 30 per cent were unhappy at the state of the motorways.

Most motorists also understood they could face more restrictions as traffic levels increased.

Surprisingly, three-quarters think traffic wardens are doing a good job, while the reservations of Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, about spreading the use of wheel clamps to other cities outside London were not shared. Six out of ten supported wheel clamps as a means of keeping cities clear of congestion.

Drivers expected even worse problems in the future, with more than half predicting cars would be banned from town centres by 2001, while traffic would be reduced to walking pace during London's rush hour.

None of those fears seemed to matter though to the average motorist, according to Mr Trevor Chinn, chairman and chief executive of Lex Service, which commissioned the MORI study.

He said: "There is an extraordinary reliance on motor cars, and an extraordinary desire for more cars."

Tebbit condemns ex-IRA man's job

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A polytechnic director was yesterday accused of "taking risks with the young" by employing a former IRA bomb-maker as a campus official.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, said parents of potential students should know that the Polytechnic of North London employed Anthony Madigan, aged 33, who was jailed for 10 years in 1975 for conspiracy to cause explosions.

In November Mr Tebbit was jeered when trying to address a polytechnic meeting.

In a reference to his wife's injuries in the Brighton bombing students chanted: "Go back to your wife — we remember Brighton".

He said yesterday: "I would have my doubts about employing criminals in educational establishments under any circumstances.

"It is one thing for an employer to take a risk with his own property but quite another for a director of an educational establishment to take risks with the young."

His allegation brought an angry reply from Mr Leslie Wagner, the polytechnic's director, who accused the former minister of "pursuing a vendetta against the Polytechnic of North London".

Mr Tebbit has published parts of a letter in which Mr Wagner said the polytechnic was following the advice of the Home Secretary who last year urged businesses to employ former offenders. Mr Madigan was convicted in 1975 of being part of an IRA team which planted bombs in Birmingham and Manchester in the early 1970s. He was released in 1982.

Later he studied history at the North London Polytechnic, becoming Students' Union president in 1987 and taking up his job, as an administrator in the humanities department, at the end of his presidential year.

Mr Wagner said: "The regrettable events attached to Mr Tebbit's visit last year had nothing whatsoever to do with the individual whom he is hounding. I abhor the way he is using this individual, and this polytechnic, for his own personal ends.

"So that there is absolutely no misunderstanding as a result of Mr Tebbit's mischief-making, let me reiterate that the polytechnic condemns all terrorist activity."

● Council education officers in Liverpool are to be asked to work in the classroom because of a shortage of teachers. Many of the officials are unqualified to teach but Mr Keva Coombes, leader of the city council, said that would not matter in the short term.

● A co-educational college in the West Midlands has banned staff from calling students by terms of endearment including "love" and "pet" for women and "squire" and "matey" for men. The equal opportunities committee at Halesowen College, near Birmingham, decided such forms of address were sexist and patronizing.

Alzheimer's among middle aged 'is inherited disorder'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Scientists have discovered that the early onset of Alzheimer's disease in people in their 40s and 50s is an inherited genetic disorder.

They have also found new evidence that implicates aluminium contamination in the environment as a possible factor in its cause among people over 60 who develop the illness prematurely.

More than 250,000 people succumb to this form of premature ageing, with associated loss of memory.

The latest results were presented yesterday by leading researchers from Britain and the United States to a conference at Imperial College in London, called to examine the possible link between Alzheimer's and the levels of aluminium in drinking water.

Aluminium sulphate is used as a pre-treatment process in areas where water is heavily contaminated by peat.

The new methods of genetic engineering devised through diagnosis of inherited disorders in children have been adapted by several groups of scientists in studying families that seem to be predisposed to the early development of Alzheimer's.

Dr John Hardy, from the department of biochemistry, neurology and anatomy at St Mary's Hospital, London, said when Alzheimer's occurred in brothers and sisters in a family known to be at risk of inheriting the early type, it struck them all at the same age.

He cited a family in which at the age of 42, the onsets of the condition occurred within two years. In another family it struck at around 54. One of the families studied had 16 members who also succumbed to the condition at the same age.

The timing for families at genetic risk is so precise — "like a metronome", according to Dr Hardy — that relatives who do not contract the condition have then outlived the risk.

The latest results of the studies of the links between traces of aluminium in the brain and Alzheimer's came from Professor John Edwardson, of the medical research council's neurochemical pathology unit, Newcastle upon Tyne General Hospital.

His group first observed in Britain that brain tissue of Alzheimer victims in areas supplied by water treated for high peat content contained traces of aluminium in damaged nerve cells that are characteristic of the disease.

The question of how that dangerous metal, which has no useful biological purpose, could cross the protective blood-brain barrier has caused as much concern as its possible role in provoking the disease.

Professor Edwardson has provided the evidence showing how aluminium can become bound to an important molecule in the blood, called transferrin, that is normally a carrier of essential biological substances to brain tissues. Although the aluminium is found in damaged brain cells, he suggests it may be implicated indirectly in the development of the disease by interfering with the production of one of the key molecules of the brain.

The latest evidence has come from patients who have received exceptional doses of aluminium, hundreds of times higher than in water supplies, because they have been on renal dialysis.

Their kidney disorder, for which they need dialysis, also prevents them from getting rid of aluminium from their body. Some of it accumulates in the brain.

Dr Peter Lee, a consultant specializing in the pattern of Alzheimer's disease, said it still had to be shown that aluminium in water supplies could in some way become "exceptionally bioavailable" to be absorbed into the brain.

He suggested further studies of people who had greater exposure to aluminium than was obtained through water supplies, which made up less than 10 per cent of the aluminium in the diet.

He proposed a follow-up of ulcer patients from 15 to 20 years ago who had a very high aluminium intake from anti-acid compounds that were based on aluminium preparations. Their daily intake would have been 1,000 times higher than anything absorbed from water supplies and there were large numbers of them.

Bounding on for Cruft's show

DOUG HALL

Christopher Cumming putting Nell Nipper, his border collie, through its paces in preparation for Cruft's Dog Show

By Ruth Gledhill

Christopher Cumming will be one of the youngest competitors at Cruft's Dog Show when he takes Nell Nipper, his border collie, into the ring in the obedience classes. Christopher, aged 10, has won 48 rosettes and several silver trophies.

More than 14,000 dogs have been entered for the 93rd Cruft's, which begins today at Earls Court, west London. Breeds with the highest number of entries are Irish setters, collies, golden retrievers, Labradors and Afghan hounds.

The Kennel Club has introduced a import register to protect new breeds from abroad. In previous years new breeds which have been imported and shown at Cruft's have suffered from a rush of popularity which resulted in rapid breeding from mediocre stock. Such dogs will now be able to enter only the import register classes at shows and will not qualify for Cruft's until a sufficiently large gene pool is available for the breed to proceed to full registration.

Ruth Hobday, a prominent agility handler, is launching a guide for beginners on agility and obedience training.

Hospital radiation men want jobs back

Two hospital staff dismissed after more than 200 cancer patients received radiation overdoses are seeking reinstatement.

Mr Stuart Cook, a medical physicist, and Dr Scott Bowring, former head of the medical physics department at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, are to appeal through the normal channels at Exeter Health Authority to return to their jobs.

A wrongly calibrated Telecobalt machine led to 207 patients receiving 25 per cent more radiation than prescribed last year. Yesterday, 15 were given interim damages awards by the health authority.

Service dates

Memorial services for the 47 who died in the M1 air crash will be held on February 21 at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, and February 26 at Holy Cross Priory, Leicester.

Raid sentence

Rosemary Poole, of Wandsworth, south-west London, received a month's suspended sentence and was fined £1750 at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for handling money from the £40 million Knightsbridge safe deposit raid.

Walk-out over

Staff at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, returned to work yesterday after a 24-hour stoppage over a productivity dispute.

Job migration

Forty-seven Tynesiders have found work as postmen in Reading and Slough, Berkshire.

Picture bought on hunch is Pissarro

A bright Impressionist picture of Hyde Park in London, bought as a result of a hunch by a private collector, has turned out to be the work of Camille Pissarro, worth about £400,000.

The work — painted during Pissarro's brief second trip to London in the early summer of 1890, when he was staying close to the park in Bayswater — shows carriages clattering down the north side of the Serpentine and fashionable people strolling down the avenue of trees.

SALEROOM

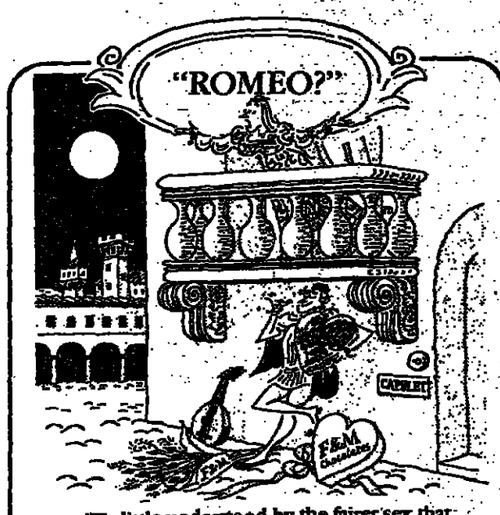
by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

What initially intrigued the present owner was a partly over-painted inscription, reading "ro 1890". Close inspection showed that it was the artist's signature, obscured by his finishing touches. The picture was handed down to his son Lucien after Pissarro's death in 1904. It is thought that Lucien tried to sell it to the Tate Gallery, but after five years on deposit there it was removed in November 1930. Christie's is selling the painting on April 3.

A sixteenth-century New England shilling, its weight "somewhat reduced due to immersion", fetched top price of $14,300 (£8,218) among 230 lots from the wreck of the HMS Feversham at Christie's New York on Tuesday night. The frigate was lost off Nova Scotia in 1711, and salvaged in 1985. The shilling, dated 1652, was among the first coins struck in what is now the United States.

Highest price at the sale, at double its estimate, was £91,667 for a 1915 five-piece set of gold coins commemorating the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal.

John Duncan Fergusson, the Scottish artist, raised the highest bids at Sotheby's Glasgow on Tuesday night. His "Cassis", a sunbaked view of the town, sold to the Portland Gallery of London for £48,400 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000).



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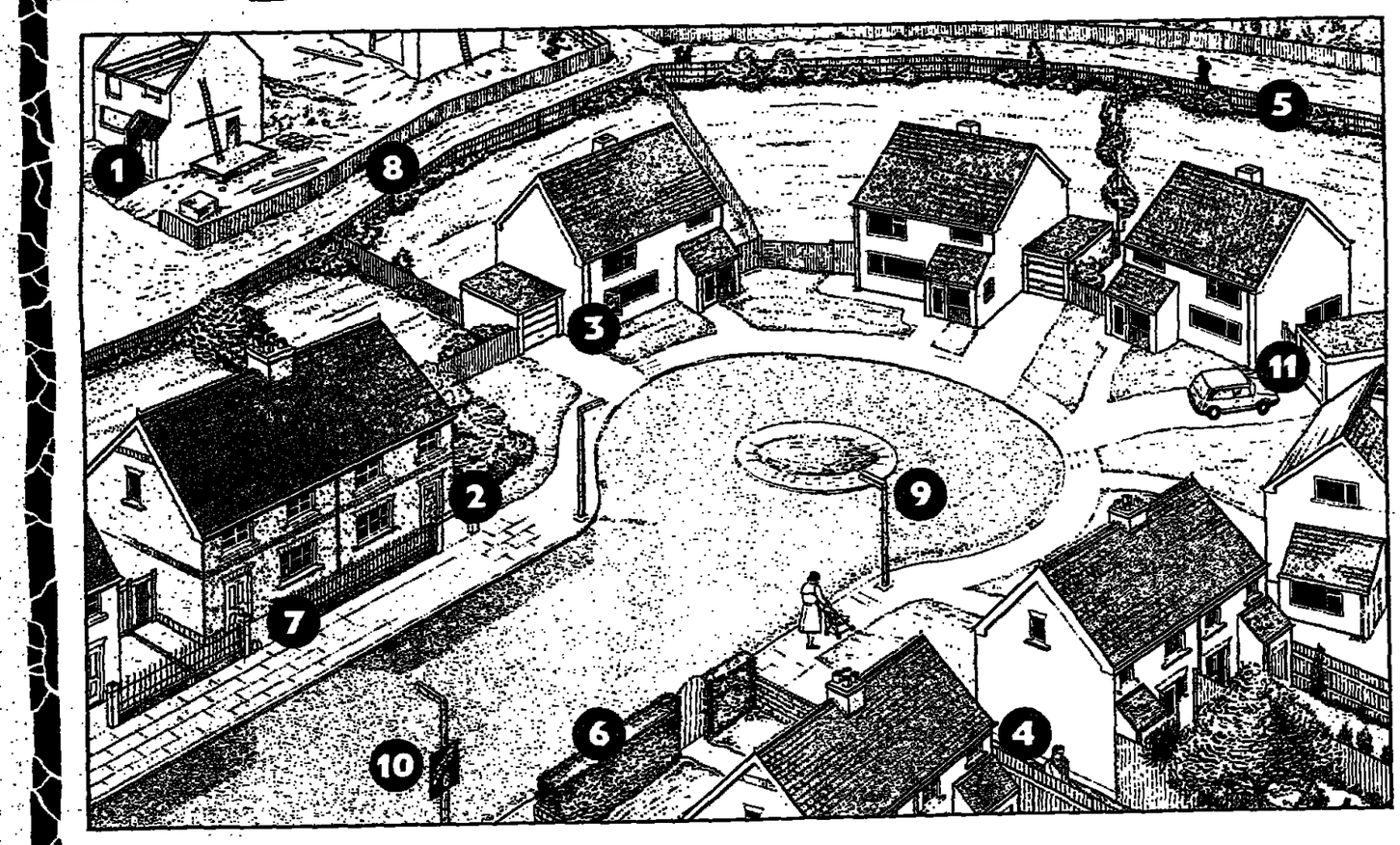

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3. Open or unprotected windows can allow easy access. Fitting – and using – window locks, is a proven deterrent.

4. Passages can become convenient entry or escape routes for burglars. Fitting a high lockable gate across the path hinders them.

5. Low walls at the rear of a building can be dangerously easy to scale. Ideally they should be at least 6' high.

6. On the other hand, high hedges in front of a house can, unfortunately, provide privacy and seclusion for a criminal as well as for the occupants.

7. Burglars are attracted by signs of an unoccupied home: no lights after dark or several days milk or newspapers at the door. Lights or radio on a time-switch can help and cancelling the milk and papers when away is essential.

8. Dark unlit paths and alleyways can conceal more than puddles. Outside lights can make everyone feel a lot safer. If it is public land, the matter should be raised with the landlords or the authorities.

9. Unlit or broken street lamps also need to be pointed out quickly to those responsible for them.

10. Joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch – or getting together with others in the area to share ideas – is a key to tailoring crime prevention to local circumstances.

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ON AIR!

● AFTER weeks of anticipation Sky made television history on Sunday February 5th when four new channels went on air simultaneously.

More than a hundred reporters, photographers and camera crews packed into Studio 1 at Sky's new headquarters at Isleworth, West of London, to hear Rupert Murdoch and Andrew Neil launch Sky Channel, Sky News, Sky Movies and Eurosport.

The only way is up

THE Astra satellite system being used by Sky to deliver six new television channels to Britain is set to double its capacity.

Last week, the Luxembourg company that owns the Astra satellite announced that it would be launching a second satellite within two years and perhaps as early as 1990.

The second satellite will add sixteen channels to the sixteen already available on the first. The new satellite will open the way for new programmers to take the opportunity to launch television services and provide Sky with the opportunity to expand its service in the future.

Astra 2 is to be located in the same orbital parking position as the first. For viewers this is very important because it means that the Sky dish available now will also be able to pick up the new channels to be available in the future.

Andrew Neil, executive chairman, said: " The Astra system is the most technologically advanced anywhere. Unlike other satellite systems, which will limit viewers to a handful of channels, Astra offers the important benefit of an almost unlimited slection of programmes."

Among the ideas already mooted for additional channels are a Westminster Channel which would carry the proceedings of the House of Commons and the House of Lords aswell as important public events such as party conferences; a classic film channel; educational channels; foreign language channels; childrens channels; a weather channel; shopping channels; a business news channel and an "open" channel which would be available to all comers.

Negotiations now underway could result in the second satellite being launched as early as next spring, according to the Financial Times, which pointed out that this would give Astra a 32 channel capacity compared with the 5 channel system intended to be offered by another satellite company.

Companies interested in obtaining capacity on the new Astra satellite are invited to contact the system owners, Societe Europeene des Satellites, Chateau de Betzdorf, Luxembourg.

Dish sales soar

HUNDREDS of thousands of satellite dishes are heading for the shops.

Consumer electronics retailers say the launch of Sky has already sparked the most successful launch of a new home entertainment product in history.

A Dixons store in London last week sold 30 dishes in 90 minutes. Dixons has 15,000 orders and more than 40,000 people have paid deposits at other outlets.

The demand is so enormous that factories making the equipment have moved to 24 hour production. Components are arriving in London by chartered jet to meet the intense demand.

Dixons has already ordered 170,000 dishes for delivery by the end of June and it expects to increase its order to more than 250,000 units.

A survey of manufacturers indicates that more than 2 million units will be shipped to retailers this year.

Advertisers support Sky

SKY began start-up transmissions on February 5th with 170 advertisers. They include top national and international brands such as : American Express, Amstrad, Beechams, B.P., Colgate-palmolive, Ford, Fosters, General Motors, Kellogs, Lever Brothers, Mars, NEC, Nestle, Pepsi, Proctor and Gamble, Rank Xerox, Rolex, Rowntree, Saab, Sony, Toyota, Unilever, Volvo and Warner Brothers.

Old meets new

THIS 18th century house in rural Essex was one of the first to be wired up for the 21st century.

Support grows

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OPINION

Long live the Sky TV revolution

THE launch of Rupert Murdoch's Sky TV is still three days away. But that small detail has not stopped critics writing off the historic advent of British satellite television in advance.

Perhaps it would be more useful if they first sampled some of Sky's output before rushing to judgment.

Certainly, the unavailability of dishes and patience for the new station's four channels is a disappointment. Only a few unlucky viewers will be able to tune in with their own dishes on Sunday.

However, this marketing failure is not Sky's, but the equipment manufacturers'.

The sneers of rival TV chiefs, like Channel 4's Michael Grade, are as unfair as they are predictable.

Pretentious

Mr Grade has dismissed Sky's output as "junk." He would, of course, for the leader of Channel 4's competitors will more than double overnight.

That must worry the head of a channel, whose output—splendid coverage of American football and Japanese sumo, wrestling and pornography for its premium of subscribing viewers, agitprop documentaries on behalf of Latin-American Leftists, and movies too boringly pretentious even for purists.

Political prejudice also figures in the opposition to the new station.

No sooner had Labour MP Austin Mitchell signed up with Sky News—along with former Tory chairman Norman Tebbit—than he was sacked as an Opposition Treasury spokesman.

His sin, presumably, was taking money from one of Labour's favourite bogeymen. The argument that other Labour spokesmen retain their posts even though they regularly write for, and are paid by, Mr Murdoch's Times newspaper seems to have cut no ice with Mr Kinnock.

Sky should think of sending Mr Kinnock a little something in return for the free publicity he has directed its way.

Teething

Of course, Sky will not be perfectly "all right on the night." Given that the station has been rushed into being in only seven months—a considerable feat in itself—rough edges are bound to appear in early broadcasts.

But so what? No broadcasting or newspaper launch has ever been without teething troubles. Ask the BBC.

The important thing is that the satellite television revolution, mooted so long, will be with us at last, extending our choice.

So much of the pre-launch hostility and nit-picking directed towards Sky is little more than a manifestation of Britain's ingrained "Can't Do" attitude—an attitude that, thankfully, is being killed off by the vigorous enterprise culture.

Mr Murdoch's trail-blazing satellite station is a product of that culture.

Let the critics and pundits carp and knock. The public will welcome the arrival of Sky. And rightly so.

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FBI seeks delay in Tower vote

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

The nomination of Mr John Tower as US Defence Secretary was thrown into grave doubt yesterday as the Federal Bureau of Investigation began looking into new allegations against the former senator.

Senator Sam Nunn, Democratic chairman of the armed services committee, said that if the vote were held immediately he would oppose the confirmation.

Senator James Exon, a leading Democratic committee member, said he, too, was leaning against the choice of Mr Tower.

The latest crisis in Mr Tower's nomination came late yesterday when White House officials telephoned congressional leaders and informed them that the FBI had opened a new investigation into Mr Tower's background.

It advised senators to delay a confirmation vote until the FBI inquiries were completed.

The reservations of Senator Nunn, who said that "serious questions remain", are a potentially fatal blow to Mr Tower's nomination prospects. Asked if the new allegations were of a financial nature, the senator said: "I am not going to get into this."

It appears that earlier FBI inquiries did not turn up anything about Mr Tower's alleged womanizing and excessive drinking to warrant the White House asking him to withdraw, and Mr Bush made clear through his press spokesman that he continued to stand by his old friend.

The Senate is in recess all next week, and there seems little prospect of a confirmation vote being held this week.

Several senators have given a warning that if the process stretched beyond this week, Mr Tower would stand little chance of being nominated.

According to one report the latest allegations concern Mr Tower's financial dealings, which the FBI said would take several days to investigate.

Several senators said yesterday that even if Mr Tower were eventually to be confirmed, his authority would be seriously weakened.

There were signs last night that reaction to the former senator were beginning to split along party lines. If that continues, his nomination will be doomed in the Democratic-controlled Senate.

President Bush met Senator Nunn at the White House for 45 minutes to discuss the nomination. The senator said he told the President that he would not make a final decision on whether to oppose Mr Tower until all the evidence had been reviewed. Allegations of alcohol abuse were a "serious concern".

Senator Exon, who did not however reveal details of FBI findings which have already been given to the armed services committee, said he was convinced that Mr Tower "at one time, months or years ago, had a serious problem with alcohol".

"All during this investigation the question has been on many of our minds whether or not that is still the case, or whether he has corrected that problem," he said.

Mr Tower met senior presidential aides at the White House yesterday morning, although officials insisted that the encounter was routine and unconnected with the confirmation crisis.

Bush aims for zero growth in defence budget

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington

President Bush will tonight propose trimming America's huge eight-year build-up in defence expenditure, with increases limited in the next financial year to the level of inflation.

His Pentagon budget plan will mean zero growth in defence expenditure for 1990, with severely limited increases in following years, signalling the end of former President Reagan's unprecedented military expansion.

Mr Bush will outline his proposals in his first speech to a joint session of Congress, at which he will reveal for the first time how he intends to fulfil his election pledge of a "kindler, gentler nation".

His $1,160 billion (£667 billion) total budget request, while cutting back on defence spending, will seek more for new domestic initiatives than President Reagan wanted. The zero growth proposal for the Defence Department would cut about $6.3 billion from the military's proposed $215 billion spending for the financial year beginning on October 1.

The cutback, which contrasts with Mr Reagan's proposal for increases of 2 per cent above the rate of inflation in each of the next four years, was worked out after fierce internal debate. Mr Bush's proposal would allow a 1 per cent increase after inflation in 1992 and 2 per cent in 1993.

The spending compromise was finally reached during a White House session on Monday involving Mr John Tower, the Defence Secretary-designate, Mr James Baker, the Secretary of State, Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr Richard Darman, the Budget Director and Mr Nicholas Brady, Treasury Secretary.

After final meetings with his advisers, Mr Bush went to Capitol Hill to begin lobbying for his budget.

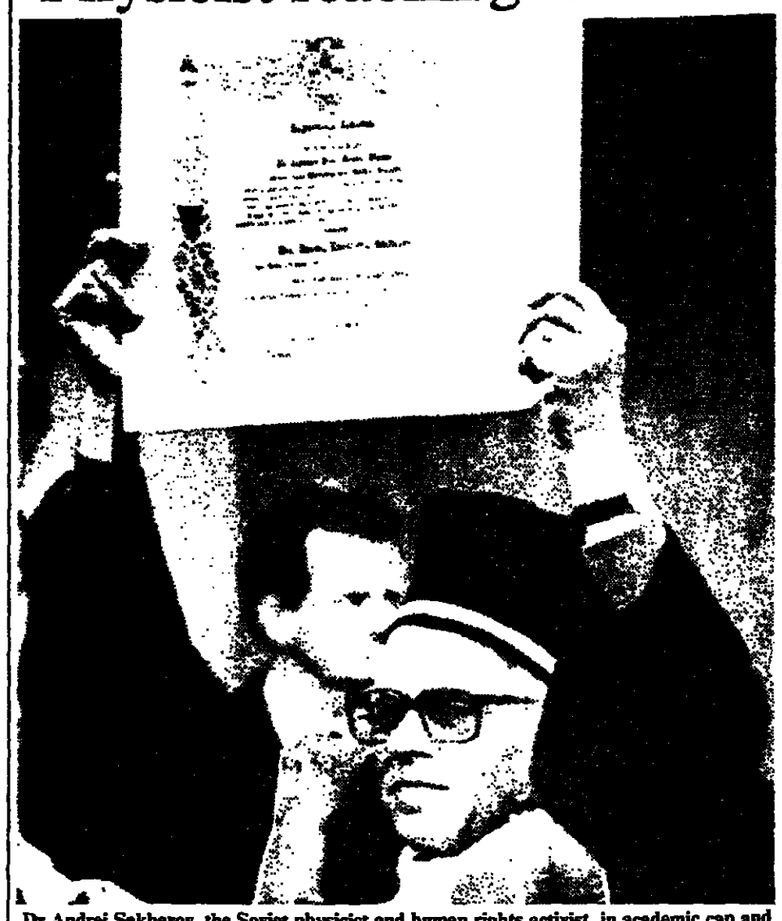
Mr Bush's 1990 Pentagon plan will not give the military any guidelines for making the reductions. But he is expected tonight to provide more details on increased spending for the homeless, education, the environment and child care, as well as tax concessions and policy changes to encourage child adoption as part of his campaign against abortion.

Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said: "It is a time of tight budgets. The new initiatives won't have a lot of money. They do represent a first step . . . "

Congressional Democrats have demanded that Mr Bush stick to his campaign promise of a detailed blueprint for how he would reduce the deficit without raising taxes. Some congressional leaders have said that they will reject his request for budget negotiations if he fails to provide a sufficiently detailed budget.

His overall budget proposals — costing about the same as requested by Mr Reagan shortly before leaving office — will include more money to clean up pollution at factories making nuclear weapons, end grants to local governments for mass transit systems and give tax incentives for businesses in poor neighbourhoods.

Physicist reaching for stars



Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist and human rights activist, in academic cap and gown, showing the honorary astronomy degree awarded by Bologna university yesterday.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Amnesty doubt over Iran Briton

It was not immediately clear yesterday whether Mr Roger Cooper, the Briton who has been held in prison for more than three years in Tehran, will qualify for release under an amnesty declared to mark the tenth anniversary of the Iranian revolution (Hazhir Teimourian writes). All but 900 of the estimated several thousand members of opposition political parties in Iranian jails are expected to be freed. Some categories of criminals are also expected to benefit.

In London, his sister-in-law, Mrs Lilly Cooper, said the family would not raise its hopes about his release, and quoted Iran's Interior Minister as having said last month that Mr Cooper would not be included in any amnesty.

North trial objections

Washington — The US Justice Department is raising fresh objections about the use of classified information that could slow down or even jeopardize the trial of retired Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the key figure in the Iran-Contra fiasco (Christopher Thomas writes). Mr Lawrence Walsh, the prosecutor, who operates independently of the Justice Department, said he would oppose the Government's position. He proposed a solution under which Mr North would be ordered by the court to avoid disclosure of classified information in his opening statement.

Jordan crisis deepens

The economic crisis in Jordan yesterday forced the Government to invoke martial law regulations dating to the 1967 Middle East war in order to shut down all unofficial moneychangers to shore up the collapsing currency (Christopher Walker writes). State-controlled radio said licences were withdrawn because of "continuous violations despite previous warnings from the Central Bank".

Borg blames food

Stockholm — In a telephone call here yesterday to Miss Jannike Bjorling, aged 22, the mother of his son, Robin, aged five, the former Wimbledon champion, Bjorn Borg, denied he had attempted suicide in Milan with an overdose of sleeping pills (Christopher Mosey writes). He said: "I'm in no danger . . . I was just a victim of . . . food poisoning."

Spanish sex change

Madrid — A former young woman said in a television interview here yesterday that he had undergone Spain's first full female-to-male surgical sex change (Harry Debelius writes). The removal of female organs and construction and implantation of male organs was completed last Saturday by Dr Aurelio Usón, Professor of Urology in Madrid.

1789 and all that

Street credibility eludes Robespierre

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Flick through a taxi driver's map of Paris, and you will find most of the outstanding personalities of the French Revolution suitably commemorated. Lafayette has his *rue*; Mirabeau his elegant *pont*; Danton his *place*; Talleyrand and Desmoulins their own modest stretches of street, as does an array of military individuals.

But where is the homage to Maximilien Robespierre, "the sea-green incorruptible" and choice of a clear majority of today's French in a 200th anniversary poll asking who was the most important figure in the drama and turmoil of 1789.

His name is marked only by a dingy *Métro* station in Montreuil, on the eastern limits of the capital, far from where the most spectacular celebrations of the bicentenary will take place this year.

The problem seems to be the Terror, directed by this lawyer from Arras with an implacable bloodlust that still sets him aside, in French eyes, from the rest of the revolutionary cast. But now a committee has been formed to remember Robespierre, if not exactly to rehabilitate him, by putting his name on a stretch of the fashionable Rue Saint-Honoré where he once lived.

Its stated aim is to "defend and honour the memory of Robespierre and the Revolution as a whole" without touching upon politics.

Oh yes? We are talking about a figure whom the harder reaches of the right in France equate above all with regicide and savage political oppression: "the Ayatollah Khomeini of his era", as one outraged local official observed when the Communist Mayor of Thionville in the Moselle proposed to rename the town square after Robespierre and commission a bust of him to stand in it.

These days, in fact, the far left in France is just about the only part of the political spectrum with a good word for Robespierre.

But while Robespierre's faithful supporters seek to press their difficult case for his recognition with the staunchly conservative Mayor of Paris, M Jacques Chirac, does the firebrand editor and agitator Jean-Paul Marat — famously assassinated in his bath by Charlotte Corday — deserve to be ignored as well?

After all, his mortal remains were subsequently disinterred and borne solemnly to lie in the still uncompleted Pantheon. Hardly Marat's fault if yet another violent change of revolutionary direction saw them removed only a few months later in the wake of Robespierre's downfall.

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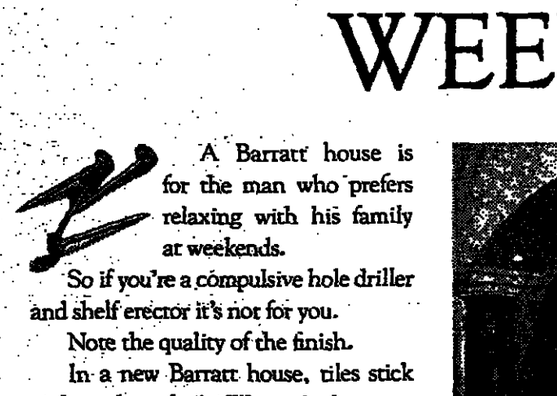

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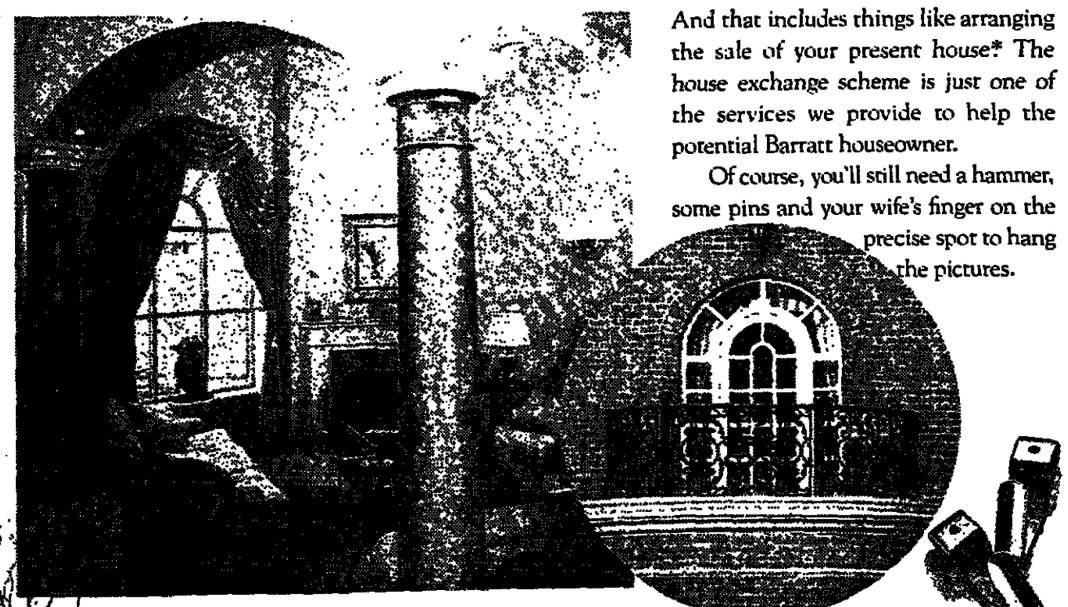

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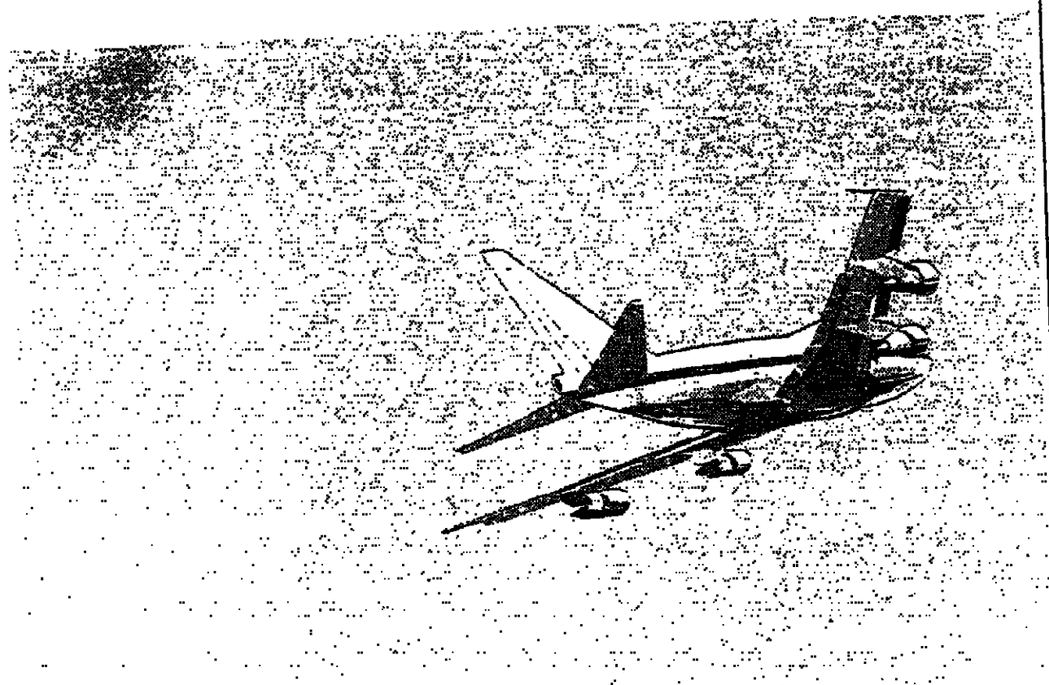

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ABBEY NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY

Academics back Thatcher against federal Europe

By Andrew McEwen in London and Ian Murray in Bonn

A British movement opposed to the creation of a federal European state was launched yesterday in response to growing concern that a further huge dilution of British sovereignty could be on the cards.

Thirteen academics led by Lord Harris of Highcross, chairman of the Institute of Economic Affairs, launched what they called "The Campaign for a Europe of Sovereign States". It is known as the Bruges Group, a name taken from Mrs Thatcher's speech to the College of Europe in Bruges on September 20 in which she opposed political union and called for the retention of separate national identities.

Mrs Thatcher was supported by Mr Nigel Lawson in a speech to the Royal Institute of International Affairs on January 25. He attacked proposals for economic and monetary union and expressed fears that "the dream of 1992 would become a nightmare".

But Mrs Thatcher's stand has met strong opposition from most other European leaders and from the President of the European Commission, M Jacques Delors. West Germany, Italy, Spain, France and Greece are among those keen to agree steps towards greater unity either during the Spanish presidency of the EEC, which ends in June, or in the French presidency which follows it.

There is no consensus yet, however, on just what is meant by "European Union". If it means the creation of a united states of Europe, the French public would be unlikely to accept so great a loss of national sovereignty, but the Germans and Italians would probably approve.

The United States Trade Representative, Mrs Carla Hills, is optimistic that the US can find a way to settle its dispute with the European Community over hormones in beef (Our Foreign Staff writes). She declined to disclose her negotiating position at a press conference, but seemed to suggest that compromise was possible. In the Gatt Council in Geneva yesterday, both the US and the EEC came under heavy criticism for resorting to unilateral measures in their trade war.

Until the launch of the Bruges Group, Mrs Thatcher's view had found more opposition than support at home.

Mr Edward Heath, who has been in the vanguard of that opposition, returned to the attack in Hamburg yesterday in a speech at a ceremony to mark the 40th anniversary of the European Union of Hamburg, in which he said that the European Community is moving "inexorably" towards political union.

Challenging the "five guiding principles" on Europe outlined by Mrs Thatcher in Bruges, the former Conservative Prime Minister agreed with her in calling for Europe to shoulder a greater share of the burden of its own defence in order to maintain American commitments, and used this very point to try to prove his case.

"France and Germany have taken the lead in co-ordination of their foreign policy and defence at the highest level of government. I do not object to that. I just wish Britain was also a participant. It is time for the rest of the Community to follow."

The threat of American troop withdrawals must no longer be allowed to undermine European defences, he said. The US had to be asked how many men it needed in Europe to satisfy its needs in the light of its assessment of the Soviet threat. Then the European Community could make a similar assessment.

"To succeed in having a united defence policy we must also have a united foreign policy. That will tell us what level of defence is required. To have a united foreign policy, we must move towards political union," Mr Heath said.

He taxed Mrs Thatcher with ignorance for suggesting that decisions for the Community would be taken by "an appointed bureaucracy".

The Bruges Group argues that the fundamental decisions involved in political union should not be taken by governments alone. "This movement unequivocally denies that any European politician has the mandate to make such pronouncements," it says.

It calls for a national debate and for MPs and MEPs to state their positions. If necessary, European governments should hold referendums to test opinion, it says, though it hopes the debate will not reach that stage.

"It seems incredible to us that only the British Prime Minister seems to treat the question of national sovereignty with the importance it deserves," the group says.

The Bruges group was founded by Mr Patrick Robertson, aged 20, a second-year modern history undergraduate at Keble College, Oxford. He was inspired by Mrs Thatcher's speech, but had considered such a campaign several months earlier.

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PLO 'was paid not to hijack'

Tel Aviv (Reuter) – A US aviation security expert said yesterday that four international airlines had paid Palestinian guerrillas millions of dollars in the 1970s to avoid attacks on their aircraft or passengers.

"There was one American and three West European airlines involved . .fs2. it's difficult to get the exact sums but they were in the millions of dollars," Mr Neil Livingstone told an international seminar on aviation security.

The former congressional aide, who is now a consultant to several airlines and lectures at Georgetown University in Washington, declined to identify the airlines but said that he would do so shortly.

He said that his information was corroborated by six US, Arab, European and Israeli intelligence services.

"Most of it happened in the 1970s and most of the money went to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine when Wadi Haddad was its operations chief.

"But we believe Arafat (chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization) was also a beneficiary, through a secret fund, and that he knew very well what was going on."

Haddad, who later died of cancer, was accused by Israel of masterminding some of the most spectacular hijacks of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Mr Livingstone said that, to his knowledge, no payments were now being made.

He also said there were three occasions in the 1970s when Soviet fighters shot down hijacked Soviet passenger aircraft to stop them reaching the West.

Poll crowds flock to Manley

Mr Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica until 1980, reaching out to supporters at a rally in Kingston on the eve of today's general election, which he is favourite to win. Violence escalated on Tuesday night as two more people were shot dead, and the final campaigning of the Prime Minister, Mr Edward Seaga, was marred by gunfire. Leading article, page 17

Reforming the Soviet economy

Slow progress for Gorbachov

By Mary Dejevsky

A new word of caution about prospects for reform in the Soviet Union is voiced in the latest study of President Gorbachov's economic reform programme.

The study, published today by the Economist Intelligence Unit, concludes that while Mr Gorbachov has achieved some significant results in his initial attempts to reform the Soviet economy, any real improvement in living standards will be slow and Western firms hoping for a rapid increase in trade with Moscow are likely to have a long wait.

The report, which has been compiled by Professor Michael Ellman of the University of Amsterdam, argues that over the past decade, the Soviet economy has been characterized by stagnation and shortage, inflation and inefficiency, and that thorough structural changes will be needed if the situation is to improve during the 1990s.

To demonstrate the relative decline of Soviet economic fortunes, it presents statistics showing that in the 17 years to 1982, average real wage levels in the Soviet Union and its satellites in Central Europe fell by almost half in relation to those of Austria.

Among the more pessimistic of Professor Ellman's conclusions for Moscow is that the Soviet Union may not in future merit the excellent credit rating it has enjoyed in the past. A combination of wasteful use of raw materials, the sustained fall in oil prices on the world market, and the credits advanced to Third World countries in respect of arms purchases during the Brezhnev years, means that the Soviet Union could be facing severe liquidity problems in hard currency. Its net hard currency debt, he says, has almost trebled since 1984.

This last observation may help to explain the apparent dispute among Soviet economists and within the leadership about whether to increase the country's level of in

Changes will be needed if the situation is to improve

debtedness. Although West Germany, Italy and Britain offered Moscow large sums of credit last autumn, it has shown no signs of taking them up, and one senior Soviet economist has cautioned against buying consumer goods from abroad on the grounds that this would discourage Soviet industry from making the necessary adjustments.

Professor Ellman argues that extra hard currency credits of between $3 billion and $5 billion a year spent on imports of Western consumer goods might help the Soviet Union through its current severe shortages and simultaneously benefit the state because of the large mark-ups imposed on such goods.

Conflicts within the Soviet leadership are cited by the professor as one reason for the many contradictions and compromises of the present reform programme and he emphasizes the unpredictability of reforms which depend exclusively on the attitudes of the top leadership.

Price reform and decentralization of financial responsibility conflict, he says, with Mr Gorbachov's pledge that any price reform will not affect living standards while the centre clings to its control of resources. He blames the Soviet leadership for irresponsibility in allowing the growth in the money supply to outstrip availability of goods, resulting in longer queues for desirable goods and inflationary price rises.

Professor Ellman singles out three key areas of reform which could produce rapid improvement if allowed to develop freely: co-operative enterprises, leasing of agricultural land and joint ventures with foreign companies. Unfortunately all three still provoke fierce opposition.

The chairman of the Central Committee's commission on agriculture has stated that land can only be leased within the framework of collective farms and sabotage has been reported by farmers switching to the new system. So far as co-operative enterprises are concerned, Professor Ellman's guardedly hopeful assessment has already been superseded by new regulations which come into effect on February 15. These severely limit co-operative activity in many areas and stipulate in most cases that co-operatives can only function if they have formal links with state enterprises and fix their prices at or close to official state prices.

These regulations, published since Professor Ellman's report was completed, illustrate how swiftly and unpredictably the Soviet economic scene can change at present.

Moscow has shown no sign of taking up offers of credit

A remark by the chairman of a collective farm in Armenia, quoted in the last section of the report, provides an apt summary: "The laws have been adopted, but they do not seem to have reached everybody yet. Economic independence flourishes in speeches and reports. And in practice ..."

The USSR in the 1990s: Struggling Out of Stagnation, by Michael Ellman, Economist Intelligence Unit, 1989, £110.

Rival groups clash at rally attacking Mujahidin council

From Anatol Lieven, Peshawar

A demonstration by up to 7,000 people in Peshawar to protest against the Mujahidin leadership and its "undemocratic" selection of members to a consultative council, or *shura*, ended in confusion yesterday after fighting between rival groups.

The crowd gathered yesterday morning outside the office of the Afghan National Liberation Front of Professor Sibghatullah Mujadidi, current leader of the seven-party alliance. Like other recent mass demonstrations, most speakers rejected the *shura* called by the alliance leadership for tomorrow, while some demanded the return of the former King Zahir Shah as the only person capable of providing a unified government.

The *shura*'s members have been selected by top party members, a practice branded as undemocratic by protesters, who called for an assembly representing all the people.

Other speakers said that the *shura*, and any government approved by it, were being imposed on the Afghan people by outside powers — a reference to Pakistan, which has played a central role in pressuring the Mujahidin chiefs to agree on the council.

"The people of Afghanistan will never accept a government imposed by another state. Why else did we fight against the Russians?" one speaker said later. Some of the tribal elders and junior commanders who convened the meeting declared afterwards that the seven parties in the alliance would never be able to create a united government for Afghanistan.

"We have a candidate against their government, and that candidate is (former King) Mohammad Zahir Shah, because he knows how to govern," one said. Others maintained that the United Nations had decided that the former monarch should return to form a broad based government.

Among the speakers was Mr Azizullah Wasafi, a former minister under the former king and Speaker of Parliament under President Daud. When he called for a return of the royal exile some of the crowd — said to belong to the Hezb-i Islami group of Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar — were involved in stone-throwing and scuffles with Mr Wasafi's supporters, and several protesters were injured. Pakistani police broke up the meeting as the fighting spread.

Yesterday's protest was one of the biggest in a series of demonstrations against the *shura* in Peshawar and in the refugee camps, chiefly those in Baluchistan.

Even moderate parties, which have been urging acceptance of the *shura* while a role for the former king is decided, have been criticized by their members during the protests.

Despite the protests, it is now almost certain that the *shura* will take place. But three key areas of dispute remain. Firstly, a proposed interim government led by Mr Ahmed Shah, of the radical Ittehad-i Islami party, may be rejected by the moderates. Secondly, Iranian participation in the *shura* is disputed. Finally, there is no agreement about the length of the *shura*.

● ANKARA: Turkey is trying to secure the release of about 300 Soviet prisoners of war held by the Mujahidin, the Foreign Ministry here said yesterday.

Getting down to business

Afghan soldiers from a new unit, formed to defend vital installations in the capital after the Soviet troop withdrawal, running through their exercises at a Kabul training session.

Early poll fear in Spain

Unions link to win shift to left

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Spain's two major trade union organizations drew up joint battle plans here yesterday for an onslaught which could induce the Socialist Government to call an early general election after the collapse of negotiations over union demands for a left turn in economic policies.

The strategy meeting between the secretaries general of the Socialist General Labour Union and of the Communist Workers' Commissions, Señor Nicolás Redondo and Señor Antonio Gutierrez, lasted all day.

After the breakdown late on Tuesday night of what the Labour Minister, Señor Manuel Chaves, had previously said was the Government's last attempt to reach agreement with the unions, Señor Antón Saracibar, a Labour Union official, hinted that a wave of strikes and demonstrations may follow.

Calling the Government's attitude absurd and lamentable, he said: "The trade unions find themselves forced to give further study to the matter of mobilizations."

No sooner had the unsuccessful six-hour bargaining session ended than both unions announced that their leaders would meet within hours to draw up a calendar of actions to keep up the pressure for their demands.

The Labour Minister blamed the unions for being unbending and said that the Government had made "a tremendous effort". He said the Government did not consider itself bound by any of its offers which were rejected by the unions, but that it would study ways to help the unemployed, low-paid civil servants and old-age pensioners.

A well-supported 24-hour nationwide general strike on December 14 first brought the Government to the bargaining table after a period of degeneration of the ties between the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party and the Labour Union, which once formed the core of the party.

In sessions with representatives of the Socialist and the Communist unions, the Government inched closer to meeting demands for bettering the position of low-income groups; and in the final session the unions adopted a more flexible position. But they reached an impasse when the Government's final offer for funding the measures fell about 70 billion pesetas (£347 million) short of the unions' estimate of the cost.

US sees hope for human rights in glasnost advance

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States, in its human rights report for 1988, says that although there have been "remarkable changes" in the Soviet Union it still cannot say there has been a fundamental shift in Moscow's approach to individual rights.

But there was no doubt that the changes achieved so far have profound implications, as advocates of significant reform of the system appeared to have gained strength, the State Department's annual report to Congress says.

The 1,560-page report, covering 169 countries and territories, says that the recognition of the need for Soviet action to secure the rights of individuals, and the fact that the defects of the present system were now discussed openly, "offer a basis for cautious hope of a better day".

The implementation of *glasnost* had given the Soviet population, at least in large cities, greater opportunity to express its views in public.

But unlike other government agencies, the KGB had been subjected to only a modicum of *glasnost* and *perestroika*.

The report says that by the end of 1988 all those in the Soviet Union sentenced for dissenting political or unauthorized religious activity, had been freed. Abuse of psychiatry had been made a punishable offence.

Jewish emigration in 1988 totalled 19,292, up from 8,155 in 1987 and the highest yearly total since 1979, when 51,000 Jews left the country.

During 1988 more than 10,000 Soviet Armenians emigrated to the US, and more than 45,000 Soviet ethnic Germans were allowed to go to West Germany.

In Eastern Europe, 1988 also held significant advances in Hungary and Poland toward a more open society.

The report says that the most significant human rights violations of 1988, measured by severity and the number of people affected, took place in inter-ethnic conflicts in Iraq, Burundi and Sudan.

In each of these situations innocent civilian bystanders died as a result of guerrilla warfare or reprisals for violence.

The Baghdad Government comes in for harsh criticism. "Iraq's abysmal human rights record remained unacceptable in 1988," the report says.

It reiterates that Iraq employed chemical warfare against a Kurdish insurgency, killing and injuring thousands of civilians and causing tens of thousands to flee the country.

"Hundreds of thousands of Kurds have also been forcibly relocated within Iraq," it says. The Baghdad Government has denied strongly that it has used poison gas against its Kurdish rebels.

The report estimates that between 5,000 and 10,000 civilians died in ethnic violence in Burundi.

No accurate assessment has been made, it says, but some reports estimate that between 100,000 and 250,000 civilians in southern Sudan died from starvation after armed forces on each side interfered with, or failed to co-operate with, efforts to deliver food supplies.

On Afghanistan, the report says that throughout the year there were reprisal attacks against civilian populations suspected of sympathizing with the Mujahidin.

"There were also civilian casualties resulting from the deployment of a napalm-like substance against the resistance," it says.

On the Asian continent, there were significant steps in 1988 by South Korea, Taiwan and Pakistan toward democracy and increasing respect for individual rights.

By contrast, in Burma nationwide sentiment for free elections was "brutally suppressed when the military systematically killed and detained student demonstrators and leaders".

Israel says report will not harm ties

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Israel insisted yesterday that its relations with Washington would not be "basically damaged" by publication of what senior officials here called "an exaggerated and incomplete US State Department report on human rights abuses in the occupied territories".

But officials fear that the report might have an adverse effect on Western public opinion and hence on the US Congress, which could decide to cut back some of America's annual aid of $3 billion (£1.7 billion) to Israel.

Many Israelis complained yesterday that the US, "our greatest friend", had not understood the problems Israel faced in trying to observe human rights while dealing with a violent rebellion. But Palestinian activists on the West Bank applauded the report.

A spokesman for Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said that the country was defending its security by fighting "terrorism" in the occupied territories and was compelled to use force to ensure law and order. Mr Binyamin Netanyahu, the right-wing Deputy Foreign Minister, said: "Israel is fighting a war."

The Foreign Ministry said that the US report could not have been compiled if Israel had not been a democratic and open society in which information on human rights was freely available. The report was harsher than in previous years because the disturbances with which Israel had to cope had become more frequent and more intense.

Israel is circulating a leaflet to diplomats in the US which points out that the report failed to give "full consideration to the actions of local extremist elements".

● Three dead: Israeli forces shot dead two Arabs yesterday and a third died of wounds after a disturbance at a military prison in Megiddo.

● LONDON: A British all-party parliamentary delegation said yesterday at a press conference in the PLO's London office that Israeli troops had used "unbelievable" brutality against the *intifada*.

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Nato to propose 5pc cut in European force levels

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Nato officials are in the final stages of drafting a detailed package of conventional arms-control proposals to present to the Warsaw Pact nations in four weeks' time which will include an offer to reduce force levels by about 5 per cent on either side once East-West imbalances in tanks, artillery and manpower are removed.

The cut has been approved by Nato governments as a "yardstick figure" on which to begin talks with the Eastern bloc when the new Conventional Forces in Europe talks begin early next month in Vienna.

Sources are emphasizing that this would not mean an across-the-board reduction of 5 per cent in all Nato units deployed in Europe.

The cutbacks, which would have to be shared between alliance members, would vary according to the equipment and its location on the Central Front. One suggestion, for example, is that the number of artillery pieces could be reduced by up to 50 per cent.

There is no firm commitment among Nato members to the 5 per cent figure. Some countries have attached more importance to sticking rigidly to it, but the general feeling is that the figure is a sensible negotiating target.

Nato military commanders have advised that the alliance policy of "forward defence" – keeping permanent allied divisions in West Germany – would not be impaired by a 5 per cent cut in forces.

Moscow, however, has proposed a three-stage approach to arms reductions at the Vienna talks: first, eliminating the imbalances (according to the Warsaw Pact, while it admits superiority in tanks and artillery, the West has more strike aircraft, combat helicopters and anti-tank rocket systems); second, reductions of 25 per cent by each side; and third, aiming for a situation in which each side keeps forces adequate for a purely defensive posture.

Bonn (Reuter) – After leaked news of the project caused widespread criticism, the Bonn Government yesterday suspended plans to allow West German and US aerospace firms to develop a ground-launched conventional missile.

Nato officials who are working on the proposals will meet in Brussels two or perhaps three more times before the end of the month.

One of the key meetings will be held today and tomorrow, when they will try to resolve remaining differences over tactics for Vienna. The finished draft will then go to Nato nations for approval.

The broad outlines of the West's conventional arms-control proposals were agreed by foreign ministers at the North Atlantic Council meeting in Brussels in December. Nato's plans for removing the asymmetries in the East-West conventional balance were announced after the meeting.

These include proposals for an overall limit of 40,000 tanks in Europe, 20,000 on each side. No country would be allowed to have more than a fixed proportion, such as 30 per cent, of the total holdings in each equipment category in Europe of the 23 Nato and Warsaw Pact countries.

Equal limits would also be established for artillery and armoured troop carriers, and the levels would be set "just below Nato's existing numbers". No mention was made then of a 5 per cent cut.

To meet these targets, it was agreed that the Warsaw Pact would have to reduce its tank force by 31,500, but Nato by only 2,000.

The West also insisted in its proposals that within each side's total of 20,000 tanks, no country could have more than 12,000 deployed in the area for negotiation – between the Atlantic and the Urals.

Preparations by Nato for the new talks have been both helped and complicated by the publication in Moscow of the Warsaw Pact's figures for the conventional military balance. The Eastern bloc's statistics have varied, sometimes dramatically, from those published by Western governments in November.

But officials have now managed to work out how the Warsaw Pact defence ministers produced their figures, apart from the tank total, which still causes total bewilderment in the West.

One source said that even if the East counted Nato's light tanks as well as its main battle models and all those in store, the figure would still fall far short of the 30,690 claimed in the ministers' data.

The Warsaw Pact also said that Britain had 2,000 tanks, when the correct total is about 1,450 if the 271 Scorpion light tanks are included.

The Western proposals will be presented to the Warsaw Pact on the first day of the plenary talks as the subject of a complete package for negotiation. Discussions about data will be thrown into the overall talks on cuts.

The Vienna meeting begins on March 6 with three days of speeches by foreign ministers, followed by the first negotiating session on March 9.

French police force jail picket line

French police in riot equipment removing a picket line of striking prison officers from the gates of the Fleury-Merogis prison near Paris yesterday: it was one of several picket lines broken at jails throughout the country. About 14,000 guards, demanding better pensions and career prospects, have been on strike for three days (AFP reports). Yesterday they refused to admit lawyers and other visitors after having previously limited their protest to blocking the movement of prisoners. M Pierre Arpaillange, the Justice Minister, hinted as negotiations with the union resumed that 13 officers suspended earlier this week would be reinstated if the pickets were called off. The Government has said it will not tolerate a repeat of a strike that brought prisons to a halt in September and October, and threatened to use troops if necessary.

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Portugal hit by doctors' strike

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

Doctors in Portugal began a three-day strike yesterday after a breakdown in negotiations over wages and work conditions with Senhora Leonor Beleza, the Minister of Health.

Senhora Beleza, who was given the Health portfolio in 1986 after having served for several years on a government committee studying the situation of women in Portugal, has waged a two-year war with the Portugese Medical Association to change the structure of the country's backward health and hospital system.

The Health Minister has dismissed hospital administrators and hired those of her own choosing, demanded that doctors just out of medical school work exclusively in hospitals without the financial support of a private practice, advocated the introduction of cheaper generic medicine to substitute in part the patented medicines now prescribed by doctors, and lowered government subsidies on some medicines under the state health programme.

She has implied that doctors are responsible for the rising cost of the medical service and poor organization in the hospitals. Many hospitals are very old, dilapidated, overcrowded and understaffed. Some patients often have to wait months for x-rays or appointments with specialists.

Dr Manuel Machado Macedo, president of the Portuguese Medical Association and director of the prestigious Santa Cruz hospital, which carried out Portugal's first heart transplant, told *The Times* that the association fully supports the strike called by the doctors' union.

"The strike is justified", he said. "It is the only way we have of showing that we do not agree with the campaign against doctors. We are against the Minister's system of naming hospital directors without consulting the doctors. We also believe that the (hospital) directors should be medical doctors".

Dr Machado Macedo claims that many of the new hospital directors have been appointed because they are sympathisers of the Health Minister's Social Democrat Party and that they have received higher salaries and many fringe benefits not available to others.

He also points out that many of them are not doctors. "For example, the new director of the Castelo Branco hospital is a 69-year-old retired military man."

Dr Machado Macedo himself is being removed from the directorship of Santa Cruz after 10 years and is reportedly being replaced by a former bank director.

Senhora Beleza: A two-year war with medical profession.

He said doctors forced to work exclusively in hospitals would find it difficult to support themselves on the monthly wage of 90,000 escudos (£350). The strike was "the only way to protest against the autocratic behaviour of the Minister of Health".

Hospitals all over Portugal reported between 80 per cent and 100 per cent of their doctors on strike. Only the emergency, intensive care and kidney dialysis wards were functioning, together with some children's wards because of a serious measles epidemic. Health centres were closed.

Korean talks off

Panmunjom (Reuter) – Negotiations intended to arrange an unprecedented meeting between the prime ministers of North and South Korea ended amid a bitter dispute over Seoul's annual war games with US forces. "It is absurd for us shaking hands with you while ... you are pointing bayonets at our hearts," said Mr Paik Nam Jun of North Korea.

Killer jailed

Montreal (Reuter) – At a retrial granted because of errors by the original judge, Thomas Brigham, a drifter aged 69, was sentenced to life imprisonment on murder charges arising from the 1984 bombing of the main railway station here.

Labor wins

Sydney – The Labor Party just held Western Australia in state elections, casting doubt on the future of Mr John Howard, the national leader of the opposition Liberal Party.

Oil-slick fight

Santiago (AP) – Chilean frogmen are struggling to stop an oil leak from a partially submerged ship off Antarctica amid reports that thousands of seabirds have already died.

Hassan offer

Brussels (Reuter) – Belgium has accepted the offer of King Hassan of Morocco to mediate in its row with Zaire.

Plane deaths

Moscow (AP) – Eighty-five people were killed last year on aircraft of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, far higher than the number of the previous year but lower than comparable figures worldwide.

Neo-Nazi ban

Minden (Reuter) - Police in this West German town banned a meeting of the neo-Nazi National Democratic Party because of fears of clashes with protesters.

Heart surgery

New Haven (AP) – Dave Brubeck, the jazz pianist, had successful triple-bypass heart surgery at the Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut.

Kidnap raid

Bogota (Reuter) – Police used helicopters to raid a ranch in north-western Colombia and free an American and a wealthy Colombian who were kidnapped last month, police spokesmen said.

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PARLIAMENT

Luce backs down on premium library charges

THE ARTS

The Government has decided not to go ahead with its controversial proposal to allow councils to launch premium library lending services and to charge for them.

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announcing details of the Government's conclusions after consultation on its Green Paper on libraries, said that he did not think it worth pursuing.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said that this must rate as one of the most embarrassing climbdowns by any minister in recent times. Mr Luce had had to abandon every proposal in the Green Paper in the face of intelligent criticism from all over the country.

Mr Luce said that the Green Paper moved towards contracting out and corrected the anomaly of libraries' present charging powers.

Many people who had commented adversely on the contracting-out proposal thought it would be similar to privatization of the library service, but libraries would remain responsible for the nature and the quality of any services they contracted out.

"The only purpose of contracting out is to produce as good a service at less cost or a better service at the same price."

The practicability and value for money of that approach should now be tested. Work would be commissioned to examine the approach involving authorities which had expressed an interest. "If this work seems satisfactory, I will fund some pilot investigations."

He would specify services for which charges could be made by regulations under the enabling power contained in the Local Government and Housing Bill, now before the House.

The Government had built into the Bill an important safeguard for free access to the library service.

It had excluded from the scope of the enabling power for charges two main elements generally regarded as the core of the free public library service.

Those were the borrowing — by any person living, working or studying full-time in the area of an English or Welsh library authority — of books, journals and pamphlets available within a library of that authority; and the use for reference and consultation of all materials or any catalogue of the authority's own holdings by any person within a library of that authority.

"This statutory safeguard demonstrates our commitment to maintaining the essential core of a free public library service."

Subject to the statutory safeguards, library authorities would have access to additional sources of income to allow them to improve the service.

The Bill would be used to make regulations to preserve existing powers to charge, to correct certain anomalies, and to introduce modest new charging powers.

Library authorities would be able to decide whether to charge for any service, who to charge and how much. They would have to let users know the scale of charges and consult appropriate bodies.

Library authorities would be given power to charge for obtaining and notifying the availability or non-availability of reserved items, subject to a limit that the Government would prescribe; borrowing of non-print materials; late return of borrowed materials; articles which became the property of the person to whom they were supplied; the use within libraries of facilities such as computers.

It was reasonable that libraries should have discretion to charge for special research services involving their staff in more than half an hour's work.

Mr Fisher said that the Opposition welcomed the fact that Mr Luce had responded to 7,000 representations and had rejected his absurd and dangerous ideas for a premium book service and compulsory tendering for services to old people's homes.

The Opposition also welcomed the fact that libraries would continue to serve companies and corporate bodies as well as individuals, free of charge.

Mr Luce had got it completely wrong in his Green Paper. He had wasted a great deal of public money and alienated any remaining good will.

This unnecessary exercise showed the public how little the Government cared for the public library service as for all other local government services.

Mr Luce said that to suggest that all the proposals had been rejected was nonsense.

He had taken out some, like the premium book service which he did not think worth pursuing, but he had listed in the statement effective measures which he intended to introduce.

"Underneath it all, it must be that Mr Fisher agrees with everything I am doing."

The Government had made clear that it would introduce enabling powers to allow certain areas to be chargeable in local government and that among those would be the library service.

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C) said that the excellent decision to continue to uphold the entirely free lending of library books gave the lie to the irresponsible scaremongering of left-wing local authorities and Labour MPs.

Mr Luce said that he had given the additional safeguard with regard to the core library service.

Derbyshire County Council had said in a "handout" that the Government was planning to charge everybody, even children, for the service. That was a total distortion.

Mr Robert Maclennan, Democrat spokesman on home affairs, said that Mr Fisher appeared to be looking a gift-horse in the mouth. Mr Luce's climbdown was welcome.

Any proposal that there should continue to be a basic free library service would have appalled a capitalist like Andrew Carnegie and even the late Joe Orton. He who would have seen a great deal of sense in charging for damage to library books.

He welcomed Mr Luce's decision to scrap the proposal for a premium book scheme, always a nonsense, and the scrapping of the proposal to charge for books brought in from another library.

"We see in his repentance much cause for rejoicing. We will take it in our stride that he has allowed these matters to be delegated to the Secretary of State for the Environment."

Mr Luce replied that the Government had made plain in the Green Paper its intention to maintain a free basic service.

"What has happened since is that various people have deliberately misrepresented what I said in the Green Paper."

He had made clear that he would introduce a discretionary charge for the reservation of books, if they went to other libraries. He put a charge of £1.50 on that.

Mr John Bowis (Battersea, C) said the criterion of half an hour for research struck him as being more concerned with the ability of librarians than with complexity of the research.

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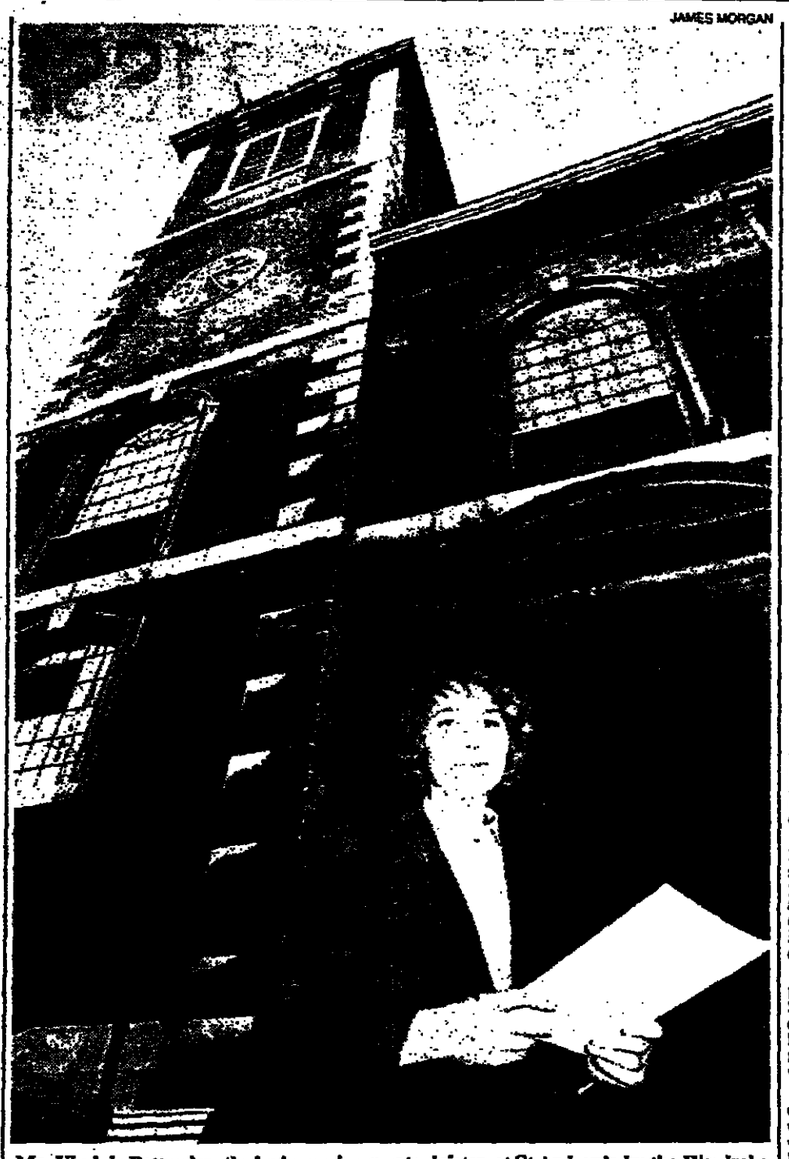

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, the junior environment minister, at St Andrew's-by-the-Wardrobe in London yesterday, where she said the Government would give the Redundant Churches Fund up to £8.7 million over the next five years. St Andrew's is the fund's head office

Sunday trading campaign 'form of prostitution'

HOUSE OF LORDS

The campaign to remove restrictions on Sunday trading for commercial gain was a form of latter-day prostitution, the Bishop of St Albans, Dr John Taylor, said in a Lords debate on the issue.

Peers were divided, however, on whether the laws should be changed and, if so, how that could best be done.

Opening the debate, Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C), president of the Sort Out Sunday campaign to remove restriction on Sunday opening hours, suggested that a Bill should be introduced to deregulate Sunday trading, but with a life of five years.

That would enable those who were genuinely apprehensive about reform to return to the present system after that period if they were proved right.

He said that it was generally agreed that the present law was so riddled with ludicrous aspects and uncertainties that it was unenforceable and largely unenforced. If the law was blatantly ignored because it was ridiculous, it undermined general respect for the law.

The anomalies in the present law were well known. That a shop could, for instance, sell a pornographic magazine but not a Bible. The monks of Buckfast could sell wine and maybe honey on a Sunday, but not a crucifix or a religious book.

About five and a half million people regularly worked on Sunday. Social conditions had changed considerably since the laws were drawn up and now, for instance, many wives worked during the week.

Last Sunday, 15 Anglican and one Roman Catholic cathedral was open and sold items that were in breach of the criminal law. He would not give their names in case it encouraged some busybody to prosecute them.

The Bishop of St Albans said that Sunday was too precious to be lost because, once lost, it could never be recovered.

He might see the case for deregulation if he lived in a totally secular and materialist state where the only values were self-interest or totalitarianism.

But he could not accept the erosion of the special quality of Sunday from the hands of any government that claimed to espouse spiritual values and was for ever calling on the church to reinforce its Christian standards.

Nothing could be more abhorrent to the Christian conscience then to be faced with a campaign to remove restrictions on Sundays for commercial gain or financial exploitation. Of all the motives, that must go down as the unworthiest of them all. It was a form of latter-day prostitution.

He could not in any circumstances willingly go along with any proposal that would damage the health of the nation.

Earl Ferrers, Minister of State, Home Office, said that there was little point in the Government's producing a Bill for deregulating Sunday trading unless it had a reasonable chance of surviving.

Mr Timothy Renton (Home Office minister) had been considering a variety of proposals for partial deregulation to make it legal, for instance, to open for part of the day or for particular shops or goods to be sold. However, there was no one proposal that had been attractive to all interests and there was no proposal that was not without its disadvantages.

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Violation of rights 'a stain' on Israel

The violation of human rights by Israel was a stain on the reputation of a nation that prided itself on being a liberal democracy, Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said during question time.

He said that, instead of making excuses not to talk to the Palestinians, Israel ought to be much more concerned about the international condemnation of the violation of human rights to which the US State Department had drawn attention.

"It is about time that, instead of killing and arresting Palestinians, the Israelis should try to achieve a situation in which their security is protected and maintained by talking to the Palestinians and making peace."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said that all friends of Israel would like to see her facing the facts and being ready to meet the Palestinians half way.

He said that exchanges in the House, during which MPs urged Israel to go to the negotiating table, emphasized the extent to which she was losing good will and losing time.

Mr Peter Archer (Warley West, Lab), who opened the exchanges, said that the Palestine covenant was, by its terms, binding on all PLO spokesman unless and until amended by a two-thirds majority. Israel would have genuine problems in negotiating with those who still had it on record to settle for nothing less than Israel's destruction.

Sir Geoffrey said that the covenant had not been formally repealed or amended, but it had been, in the words of a senior adviser to Mr Yasser Arafat, "superceded" by the decisions of the Palestine National Council.

Mr Arafat undoutedly took the same view. It was important to concentrate attention on the present reality.

"The Palestinians have moved. The best way to test their intentions is to negotiate. Of course, he is right to say that the Palestinians need to convince the Israelis of their sincerity.

"In a sense, formal amendment would be an additional help in that process, but I urge the Israelis to concentrate on the actual realities that have emerged."

Mr Richard Page (South West Hertfordshire, C) said that he was one of five MPs who had just returned from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"On our visit there, we did not find one Palestinian who did not accede to the fact that Israel has a right to live within secure borders."

Would Sir Geoffrey make every effort to persuade Israel to come to the conference table at an international peace conference to bring peace to this region?

Sir Geoffrey said that they all wished to see Israel achieving security behind secure and recognized borders just as they wished to secure the right of the Palestinians to self-determination.

Mr Kaufman said that Mr Arafat had told him that he was ready to discuss the Palestine charter with the Israelis at an international conference.

Rail improvements announced

The following report of a Commons debate on an Opposition motion on transport appeared in later editions yesterday.

TRANSPORT

Proposals to improve rail services in the South-east and East Anglia were announced by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, during the debate.

He said that Network SouthEast had been given approval to buy 77 new Class 165 "Networker Turbo" vehicles for services out of St Marylebone. The cost would be £39 million. Delivery of the first new stock was expected in October 1990.

He had also approved electrification of the Cambridge-Kings Lynn line and the associated purchase of seven 4-car Class 321 electric multiple units at a cost of £20.1 million.

In the next few years investment in British Rail would rise to an average of £755 million a year.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, opening the debate, moved a motion condemning Government policy, which, it said, had led to congestion, higher fares, a poorer public transport services and reduced safety.

He said that 10 years of Conservative ideology and commitment to privatization, competition, deregulation and huge cuts in public financial support had produced nightmare conditions for car drivers, bus, train and plane passengers, as well as increasing insecurity.

The situation could only get worse. Government promises would not deal with the expected 25 per cent growth in cars by the end of the century, or the 15 per cent increase in lorry journeys.

The average speed of road traffic in inner cities had declined from 25mph when Labour had been in office to 8mph to 12mph today.

"Mrs Thatcher promised us Victorian standards and now we have them. We are going as fast now as the horse and cart of 100 years ago. When she said she intended to put Britain back on its feet, I did not understand that meant it would be walking because it was faster than using the public transport system in our inner cities."

Mr Channon moved an amendment applauding the Government's determination that safety and security should remain paramount and congratulating it on record levels of investment in roads and railways. He said that the Government had to promote international action on air security and with the United States Government had sought a ministerial meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

"I want to see tighter control of what is taken on to an aircraft. I want to see tighter controls on people who have access to aircraft. I want to see changes to aircraft design so that they have fewer places to hide a bomb.

"Only closer international action can achieve that and I hope that we can move closer to such action in Montreal next week."

On safety, cutting corners was socially and commercially irresponsible and there was no doubt in the minds of public sector operators about where their duty lay.

On congestion, the Government would accept responsibility for having created the healthy economy and a competitive transport market which had led to a huge upsurge in transport demand if Labour would accept responsibility for their years of under-investment.

Mr Menzies Campbell, for the Democrats, said that in the South-east there was clearly a need for huge investment plus a recognition of the necessary interdependence between modes of travel. That could not be achieved without central direction and investment.

Mr Christopher Smith (Islington South and Finsbury, Lab) said that the Government should introduce three measures to ease London's traffic problems: higher capital investment on the railways; higher revenue investment; and a system to deter private vehicles from driving into London.

The Opposition motion was defeated by 305 votes to 210 — Government majority, 95, and the Government amendment accepted without a vote.

Government gives further £½m for Afghanistan aid

The Government has agreed to provide an extra £500,000 of aid for mothers and children in Afghanistan, Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, said in answer to a private notice question.

The money was to be divided equally between Unicef and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that it would be unforgiveable for outside governments to look on while people starved in Afghanistan because of the political situation. It was essential for Britain to co-operate fully with the UN to ensure that aid continued to be given.

Would Mr Patten comment on the report that factions of the resistance movement were threatening to fire on aircraft bringing in aid?

Mr Patten: We have not, do not, and will not ever use the denial of food or medicines to try to accomplish political objectives.

He said that Britain had been one of the first and most generous contributors to the camps for Afghan refugees and would continue to assist as and when possible.

Mr David Atkinson (Bournemouth East, C) said that one of the biggest problems for returning refugees would be the millions of unexploded mines and shells. What help could Britain give?

Mr Patten said that a British mission in Pakistan was discussing that point with the UN co-ordinator. Britain would give such assistance as was possible so that the mines, which represented a big danger to the returning refugees, might be cleared.

Mr David Steel, Democrat spokesman on foreign affairs, welcomed the statement that humanitarian aid should be given regardless of political difference.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that there was no point in sending food while Britain was using agencies to send arms and weapons of war through Pakistan to keep the fighting going.

Mr Patten said that Britain's record in Afghanistan was as good as anyone's.

Miss Joan Lestor, Opposition spokesman on overseas development and co-operation, asked Mr Patten to clear up confusion about press reports on Monday that Britain had ordered that its £10 million contribution must not be used for emergency food supplies.

Would he also confirm that the ruling by the UN General Assembly in December, that aid should go to all in Afghanistan regardless of political labels?

She had also been told that the proposed airlift was still on the ground because of fears that it would be attacked. It was urgent that food and blankets should be got through.

Mr Patten said that there were other channels used by the international relief agencies to keep their medical and food programmes going, but it would be unwise to detail them in public.

Mandela call by Chalker

Nelson Mandela should be unconditionally released, not just to the place where he is now held, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said during questions.

She was replying to Mr Richard Caborn (Sheffield, Central, Lab), who said that in conversation with Nelson Mandela's lawyers today he had discovered that there was now reduced access between Mr Mandela and his wife.

Lack of contact with people outside his family meant that he was in worse conditions than before he was moved to the outskirts of the prison.

Mrs Chalker promised to take up the matters raised later that afternoon.

"I believe that so much would be achieved by the unconditional release of all political detainees — a start towards negotiation, dialogue and renunciation of violence by all who perpetrate it within and across the borders of South Africa."

Democrats fail to get 100,000

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The membership of the Democrats has fallen short of last year's launch objective despite the publicity surrounding the election of Mr Paddy Ashdown as party leader.

The failure of the newly merged party to achieve its target membership of 100,000 — the total is just over 90,000 — will be a cause of disappointment to officials who had hoped that Mr Ashdown's arrival as leader would give the Democrats a big boost in membership and the opinion polls.

The figures were disclosed as Mr Ashdown launched a discussion document, *Our Different Vision*, which is intended to provide a framework for developing the party's policy.

The document says that the most urgent task facing the Democrats is to mobilize the people behind a crusade to turn back the tide of new-right authoritarianism.

It calls for devolution of power from the centre to the regions, reform of Parliament and the electoral system and a new constitutional settlement providing clear protection of basic human rights.

Opposition debate on science

Labour attacks research policy

The following report of a Commons debate on an Opposition motion condemning the Government's failures to support the science base appeared in later editions yesterday.

DEVELOPMENT

Mr Straw: Results of the policy are stark

Government policy on science and scientific research was strongly criticized during an Opposition debate in the Commons.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the results of the policy were stark. The sharpest decline had been in our ability to compete with other nations in science-based goods.

Moving the motion, he said that science was of central importance to Britain. Yet we spent less of our national income on science than did other countries.

Many good academics were simply voting with their feet, as were many recruits. There was a brain drain, a serious shift in quality across the Atlantic.

Central to the problem of recruiting and retaining the best was the question of university pay. University teachers had an overwhelming case.

Without well qualified science students, this country would slip into Third World decline. The attitude to science in the curriculum and the supply of science teachers was one of complacency and neglect.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that by a supreme irony the Opposition had decided to have this debate on the very day that he was announcing big increases in funding for scientific research. For 1989-90 the budget would be £115 million, or 16 per cent, higher than this year. Since this Government took office the science budget had increased by more than 26 per cent in real terms. That compared with no increase in real terms between 1976 and 1980. The Government's commitment to science was absolute.

Much had been made of the supposed brain drain, but scientists of quality were returning, drawn back by the attractive climate for research and the strong research base. Overseas scientists wanted to work here.

Mr Alun Michael (Cardiff South and Penarth, Lab) asked why the Government would not accept its responsibility to ensure that environmental research was properly funded and directed. It was afraid of research, afraid of its effects and afraid of exposure.

Mr Simon Hughes, Democrat spokesman on education, said that it would be foolish not to acknowledge the Government's big increase this year in money for science. However, the pattern suggested that this would be a "blip" rather than a fundamental change of direction because beyond the forthcoming financial year there was a tailing off in real terms in investment in science.

After nearly 10 years in office the Government had still not produced a strategy for science.

"We are in a state of profound national crisis. There is not sufficient money for research, specifically for basic research. Nor do we have the people being brought into science at school or at university as students or teachers."

Mr Anthony Coombs (Wyre Forest, C) said that the Government was right to say that industry should fund more of its own basic research.

Mr Robert Jackson, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the Government was promoting a closer relationship between academic science and industry, promoting industry's commitment to research and development, and a more coherent approach to the management and direction of the science base.

"Those policies are part of a successful strategy for continuing excellence in British science and for the revival of British industry."

The motion was rejected by 279 to 212 — Government majority, 67, and a Government amendment carried by 270 to 206.

MPs criticize £10 fee for access

SOCIAL SECURITY

There was criticism from MPs of the way that the Government was implementing a private member's Act to allow people access to their personal social services files.

In a debate on the Access to Personal Files (Social Services) Regulations, 1989, which lasted into the early hours of Wednesday, Mr Tom Clarke, Opposition spokesman on personal social services, said that there were "times when the Government displays grudging indifference even hostility to Acts which are on the statute book as a result of action by private members".

The regulations give individuals access to their personal files held by social services, with certain safeguards imposed. The Access to Personal Files Act was sponsored by Mr Archie Kirkwood (Roxburgh and Berwickshire, Dem).

Mr Clarke said that the Act had arisen because it was the will of both Houses. However, under the regulations local authorities could charge individuals up to £10 for the information in their files, depending on their assessment of the person's means. "This means test has the whiff of the poll tax about it."

The regulations did not seem to put any obligation on local authorities to inform people when parts of their records were withheld.

People had a right to know when information was not released.

The Data Protection Act gave people a right of appeal to a registrar and ultimately to the courts. Ministers should address this area of concern.

Mr Roger Freeman, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that the £10 fee was a maximum discretionary sum open to local authorities to charge. He added: "They will no doubt take into account ... ability to pay."

Local authorities had been aware of the need for greater access to records since 1983 and should have made provision for it.

It was right that safeguards on the release of information were built into the regulations. Exemptions would be exceptional and would apply only to exceptional cases.

There was a right of appeal, about the way the legislation was implemented, to the local government Ombudsman or to the courts.

The regulations were approved by 72 votes to 1 — Government majority, 71.

Land Registry Bill rejected

An attempt by Mr Anthony Coombs (Wyre Forest, C) to get a first reading for the Land Registry (Reform) Bill, which would give the registry agency status, improve flexibility in use of externally generated funds for fees, improve accountability, and make fees more responsive to customers' demands, was rejected in the Commons by 127 votes to 104.

New peer

Sir Jack Lewis, Professor of Chemistry at Cambridge University, took his seat on the Independent benches in the House of Lords as Lord Lewis of Newnham. He was supported by Lord Todd and Lady Nicol.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Northern Ireland; Prime Minister. Debate on Government spending plans 1989-90 to 1991-92.
Lords (3): Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Bill, report. Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

SPECTRUM

England's renaissance man?

THE TIMES
PROFILE
TED DEXTER

On the face of it, the guardians of our summer game have taken leave of their senses. They are proposing to put the England cricket team in the hands of a man who can frequently be seen gambling away his spare hours on the dog track and the race course, whose preferred mode of transport has long been a giant motor cycle and whose stated views on the touchy subject of barmaids in Test cricketers' rooms are that they must be "extremely good looking". Fortunately, to categorize Edward Ralph Dexter as a cavalier *dilettante* would be akin to confusing a thoroughbred with a pit pony. There is, and always has been, very much more to the Dexter repertoire than the casually given image of an adventurer with restless, if not reckless, instincts.

Dexter, in fact, is one of those infuriating people who have an instinct for success, an untutored talent for anything to which they turn their hands. He has been a lucky man, through being in a position to enjoy life, but no one could accuse him of wasting his opportunities. At the age of 53, Ted Dexter does not have too many failures to reflect upon. The cricket authorities, in nominating him for a job which might be described as managing director of our Test team, are gambling on him running up to form.

The job would not appeal to everyone. Indeed, such were the ragged edges which appeared on the previous chairman of selectors, Peter May, when poor results brought relentless pressures, that certain candidates have run for cover at the approach of the headhunter. May, however, can be compared to Dexter only in as much as both were middle-order batsmen who captained Cambridge University and England. May's problems in the job emanated from the suspicion that he was not entirely at one with the modern game and the fact that he was a painfully poor communicator. Dexter not only has boundless opinions on contemporary cricket, he also has the ability to transmit them.

Dexter will need all his considerable powers of oratory and invention to help transform the England team. A dangerous slide has set in during the past two years, culminating last summer in another crushing defeat by the West Indies, during which four captains and more than 30 players were used. Dexter does not promise overnight cures but he has plans laid for the creation of a contracted squad system, a network of experienced talent scouts and, despite the barmaid joke, sterner response to dissent and indiscipline.

He is not given to ducking a challenge, whether in sport or business. To him, this may be both. Previously, selectors have received only a small daily remuneration. Dexter, it is proposed, will be compensated for the television commentating and journalism he will have to relinquish. He can expect a minimum of £30,000 a year, plus expenses, and the public relations work of his company Ted Dexter Associates, with which he will continue, can expect a healthy boost from the attendant kudos.

It would be quite wrong, however, to infer that Dexter has eyes only for the money; he habitually puts interest above income in his priorities. He will do the job because, in his own words, "I have a gut attraction to it."

Dexter will ruffle feathers. One could detect a thousand traditionalist moustaches twitching indignantly at some of his remarks during last week's candid Press conference. There were those, too, who felt he was being arrogantly presumptuous in holding court when his appointment will not be ratified for another month. Dexter gives a resigned shrug to such stuffy bureaucracy. "The alternative was to keep saying no comment, and I have never believed that achieves anything."

Dexter has always been an appealing figure. As a player he was pure box office. The *Wisden Almanack* of 1961 lavished the following compliment on him: "No English cricketer since the war has so captured the imagination of those inside, outside and far from the boundary ropes of our big cricket grounds." The reason, as well as his handsome features and dismissively powerful batting, could be that he was much more than simply a cricketer. Dexter could hold his own in many spheres. Cricket did not own him. Indeed, he once admitted: "I never watched a first-class game until I began to play it."

He might easily have been claimed by commerce, for his father ran a successful insurance business in Italy where Ted was born. Equally, he might have become a professional golfer, a pilot or a politician. He has even co-authored a thriller, *Testkill*.

As a boy, his school holidays were devoted to golf on the glorious lakeside courses of Italy. He would play 54 holes a day and, imitating his temperamental father, fly into rages at every hooked drive or missed putt. He was later to control his temper and improve his golf to such an extent that he narrowly failed to qualify for the 1978 Open Championship. He was beaten in a play-off for the last place and reacted badly. The clubs went into a cupboard and there they stayed for the next six months. He has flown his own plane, as well as coming close to flying on his own mighty motorbike. Sitting in a car, like ordinary people, has always seemed fearfully mundane to him. His attraction to politics, however, was a brief flirtation and, untypically, a defeat. He stood for Parliament as a Conservative in the constituency of Cardiff. His principal opponent was James Callaghan. Callaghan won by a landslide.

Dexter's penchant for gambling is evident in much of his life. He admits to having occasionally lost sizeable sums of money on the golf course. He has made frequent forays into the perilous pleasures of owning greyhounds and race horses (he currently has a disappointing hurdler) and he is not averse to backing his animals with hard cash. Regulars at Windsor race course, close to his Ealing home, or Wembley greyhound stadium, count him among their number.

His passion for racing has produced its share of humour. While captaining Sussex, Dexter found himself confined to a session in the field on Derby day. Having had a modest interest in a certain horse, Dexter made careful plans to coincide the drinks interval with race time and instructed the Twelfth Man to smuggle a radio on to the field under a towel. All initially went to plan, but then the saddle slipped on one of the runners, the start was delayed and so the drinks interval at Hove stretched on and on, to the bewilderment of all spectators.

One astute observer of the Dexter personality is John Snow, who arrived at the Sussex club as a tearaway fast bowler in Dexter's era as captain. He reflects: "Some people found him aloof. There was one Sussex player who swore that Ted never spoke to him apart from giving him directions on the field. I am sure this was not deliberate. Ted was a man of moods, often caught up in theories, keen when the action was hot, uninterested when the game was dull." Interestingly, in the light of his imminent job, Dexter's impact on Snow became more personal. Snow recalls that when he first played for England, in 1965: "Ted virtually talked me through the game, encouraging and advising constantly."

Dexter's theories can sometimes be whimsical. When leading England to Australia in the winter of 1962-63, a journey undertaken by ship, Dexter asked the Olympic athlete Gordon Pirie to supervise training on board. Fred Trueman, for one, was not amused by the insistence of Pirie that he should run endlessly round the deck and give up eating steaks in favour of nuts and lettuce. Mutiny was narrowly avoided.

That same tour, however, gave Dexter his abiding memory from his cricket career. England won the Melbourne Test, the captain scoring 93, and Dexter recalls that the achievement dawned on him while sitting in the team bus outside the ground. "It was the greatest sense of elation that I have ever had in cricket."

Dexter will hope to surpass that feeling this summer. Australia are England's visitors and if, as expected, Dexter is given wide-ranging powers to go with the public accountability of his job, then victory would be the sweet fulfilment of another ambition, one more challenge conquered. And if not, if the depression over the England team deepens and Dexter is the target of abuse? Then, he says simply: "I shall retreat to the bosom of my family and find someone who loves me." The sticks and stones of public expectation will, you suspect, not injure "Lord Ted", whether or not his revolution brings the desired results.

Alan Lee

BIOGRAPHY

1935: Born May 15 in Milan, educated at Radley College and Jesus College, Cambridge
1958: England début against New Zealand
1959: Flown out to Australia as replacement on first tour
1960-65: Captain of Sussex
1962: Captained England in first of 30 Tests
1963: Married Susan, one son, one daughter
1965: Stood for Parliament as Conservative candidate in Cardiff
1968: Retired from cricket and set up public relations company, Ted Dexter Associates
1989: Prospective chairman of selectors, almost certain to be appointed

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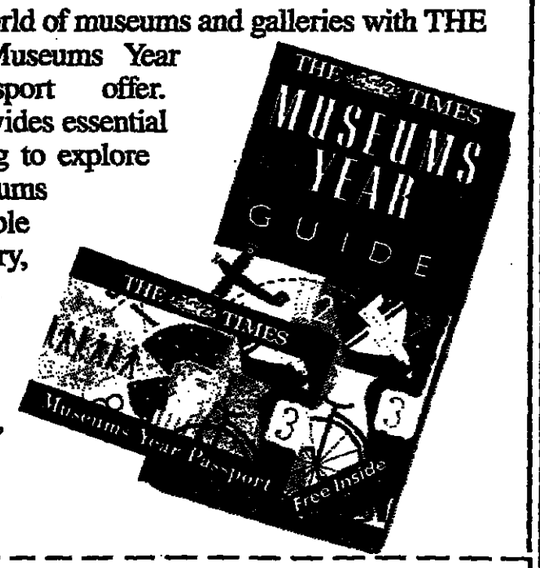

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Bruges boy fights back

How the threat of a federal Europe sparked off a very British crusade

At first glance it looks like any other Oxford undergraduate's study: books and papers piled here and there, a poster of Lenin – memento of a boyhood flirtation with Marxism – glaring across at a Stars and Stripes, swapped for a Union Jack during a holiday jaunt across America.

Then you notice a telephone on a desk in the corner; and, even more remarkable, a secretary to answer it. But Patrick Robertson, aged 20, is no ordinary student. Rooms 1818, overlooking the tranquil quadrangle of Keble College, is the birthplace and headquarters of the Bruges Group, which held its inaugural meeting at the Reform Club yesterday. It is an organization dedicated to what Robertson, its secretary, sees as the most pressing issue on the political agenda: "Preserving British sovereignty against the insidious campaign by the Brussels bureaucrats and certain EEC leaders, not to mention some politicians at home, to dragoon us into a federal Europe."

Tall and eloquent, he insists he is not anti-European. His modern history studies at Oxford, impressing on him the strength of nationalism throughout Europe, helped alert him to the dangers not only for Britain, but all other EEC members, of attempting to stifle what he sees as a natural sentiment beneath a blanket of imposed conformity.

"If the EEC remains true to its original intentions – economic deregulation and the creation of a single European market – it will be a power for good that no one could reasonably quarrel with," he says. "But today there is increasing talk of political integration, with all effective decisions being taken in Brussels and Strasburg. We would have to conform to common foreign and economic policies. That is ludicrous. What might be good, for a country like Italy, with Libya as a near neighbour, could be damaging for a transatlantic maritime nation like Britain.

Robertson: not anti-Europe

"Few people are aware of the dangers. The Bruges Group wants to start a national debate and ensure the people's wishes are made clear."

Robertson realized that few would listen to a 20-year-old undergraduate and began a campaign that has roped in some of Britain's best-known academics. Members include Norman Stone, professor of modern history at Oxford, professors Patrick Minford, Kenneth Minogue, Stephen Haseler, Roger Scruton and Adam Zamoyski. After hearing him speak at the Oxford Union, Robertson approached Lord Harris of Highcross, chairman of the Institute of Economic Affairs, who agreed to become chairman. Robertson says it is only by chance that most are luminaries of the radical right.

He sees two events adding urgency to the situation: the EEC summit and the Euro elections, both in June. "Mrs Thatcher must go to Madrid with greater backing for her line than she has had so far."

Robertson accepts that the campaign and life at Oxford are inimical. So he will move out at the end of this term, on the understanding that he can return for his final four terms next year. In London he will redouble his efforts to attract new members and sponsors.

He says a career in politics has "definite appeal, though not necessarily as an MP. I am more interested in helping to shape public opinion."

Keble College is named after the Victorian churchman who helped to initiate a great debate on the Church of England's place in the Christian community. It is not too fanciful to imagine that one day rooms 1818 will bear a plaque commemorating the man who helped to resolve Britain's place in Europe, and the world.

Laurie Weston

Turning our heritage away

artfile

A weekly look at the art world

Sarah Jane Checkland

Had it been a Titian coming up for sale in Italy, there would be no cause of concern. The Italians ban the export of all heritage items. Had it been a Toulouse-Lautrec, up for auction in France, a curator from one of the national museums would have jumped up crying "Pre-empted!" as the hammer came down. That is how the French state exercises its right to protect its heritage, by buying items at market price.

As it is, the focus of this tale is "Seascape, Folkestone," a mighty seascape by Turner, our most important artist, and once the pride of Lord Clark's collection. We stood by as it sold at Sotheby's in 1984 for £7.3 million. We shrugged as the anonymous new owner placed it on loan at the National Gallery of Scotland. Now that he wants to export it, we accept his revised valuation of £20 million, weakly impose our customary export stop of six months (this will be reduced to one, if no museum shows interest), and wonder where we can find that sort of money.

When it comes to heritage protection, there appear to be as many systems as there are countries, and none is ideal. Plundered through the centuries, Italy wants to ensure no further leakage. What results is a depressed art market and a booming trade in smuggling. France wants to allow freedom in the market, but rigs the system with booby traps such as the jack-in-the-box curator, whose reasons for jumping up may be dubious – an excuse to buy articles of no particular heritage value cheap.

Sadly, Britain's system appears to be the least effective of all. We will do anything to remain the centre of the world art market, with the revenue it brings both the Treasury, and Bond Street.

The Reviewing Committee for Export of Works of Art, appointed by the government to vet each export licence for items over the value of £16,000, uses the Waverley Criteria, three basic questions devised in 1954: "Is the item closely connected to our history and national life? Is it of outstanding aesthetic importance? Is it of significance for the study of some particular branch of art, learning or history?"

What good are these if the object is beyond the nation's budget? What good is the committee's advice if, having had their first application treated unfavourably, owners can re-apply to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry who has sole discretion on whether or not to grant a licence?

"The Reviewing Committee has become a farcical body because no museums have the sort of money required," says a national museum director. "The only way the Waverley Criteria worked was when the government made money available to buy." This speaker believes the government should set up a commission to look into the problem. Perhaps the best commission of all is that based in Brussels.

The minefield of artistic patrimony has not been considered by the EEC, but a few commissioners have broached the question. "The principle of free movement will have to be reconciled with the need to ensure adequate protection," Italy's Carlo Ripa di Meana said in Rome last December. He favoured an inventory of national treasures, publicly or privately owned. Works would be catalogued according to whether they were of no national importance, important works which would be allowed for export following authorization, and works whose loss "would be detrimental to the area's cultural identity and to the works of art themselves".

Some people argue that the Turner is not worthy for campaign, because London is so well endowed with his bequest paintings at the Tate. Apart from ignoring the fact that our other capitals, Edinburgh and Cardiff, suffer from a lack of oil paintings by the master, they are forgetting the future crises in store.

There must be a way of combining the best of all the present European systems: establishing a list in each country of supreme heritage items which should never be allowed to be exported, but otherwise allowing the art market to breathe.

HEALTH

The hot and cold running nightmare

A new outbreak of legionnaire's disease has renewed alarm. But the killer disease is entirely preventable, Liz Gill reports

With the death of a builder, aged 41, announced this week, legionnaire's disease claimed its latest victim. Six other people are sick in hospital, a further 23 cases are being investigated and thousands of visitors to London's West End are now wondering if they picked up more than they bargained for at the January sales.

Yet the curious thing is that legionella bacteria have been with us throughout history; only in the past few decades, with the arrival of modern plumbing, have they become potentially lethal.

Their current status is the microbiological version of sudden stardom after millenniums in the chorus line. What has given them this power is modern civilization in the shape of air-conditioning and hot water systems. For, in certain conditions, they can create the climate in which particularly virulent strains of the bacteria can multiply to dangerous levels, and then distribute them in a form which can be inhaled by the human respiratory system.

As Dr Ronald Fallon, consultant in laboratory medicine at Glasgow's Ruchill Hospital, explains: "They are commonly present in water, but they don't often cause trouble. They've been found 30 feet up trees in the Amazon forest in little pools of water on leaves. When Mount Saint Helens blew up, a warm lake was formed and they were formed in that. You get them at the edges of geysers, in rivers, in lakes, all over the place."

The trouble starts when the bacteria find their optimum breeding temperature of between 37°C and 40°C (hotter than that they die, colder they lie dormant), and a good source of food which can be anything from algae to organic rubbish.

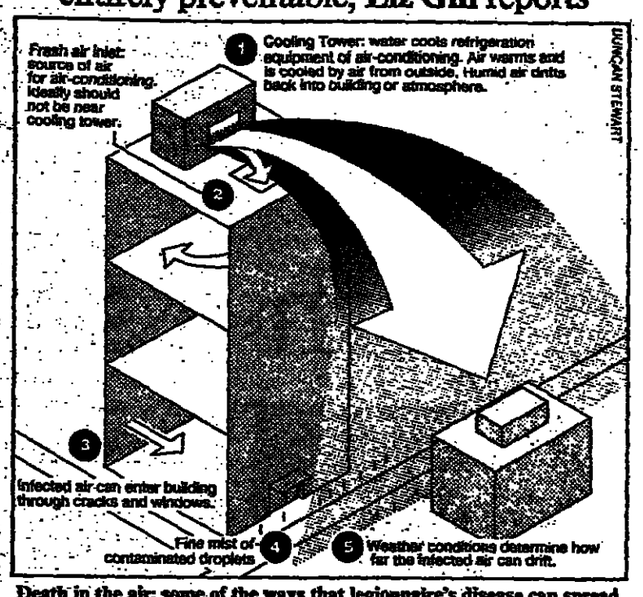
To be harmful to man they must then be dispersed into the atmosphere as an aerosol, a fine mist of tiny droplets of contaminated water small enough to pass deep into the lung. The two main culprits do this in different ways. A hot water system in, for example, a hotel which has become infected, can generate an aerosol when a bath is run, a shower is used or a whirlpool bath is set in motion.

A cooling tower does this as part of its job of ridding a building of excess heat. Water is used to cool the refrigeration equipment in the building's air-conditioning system. This water becomes warm and is itself cooled by exposure to the outside air which is drawn in. At the end of the process, this air is moisture laden and can drift away to infect passers-by or, depending on the weather conditions – someone sitting by an open window hundreds of yards away.

In the outbreak at the BBC's Broadcasting House last year in which three people died, half of those affected had never even been inside the building. The danger increases if the cooling tower is near the fresh air inlet to the building; the infected air is then drawn back inside and wafted from office to office or ward to ward.

This happened in Britain's worst outbreak at Staffordshire District Hospital in 1985, when there were over 100 cases and 29 deaths. The idea of an invisible, poison gas drifting down on the unsuspecting has a particularly nightmarish quality, but in fact legionnaire's disease has a very low "hit rate" – more than 99 per cent of people are not susceptible.

"Many are called but few are chosen," Fallon says. "With the BBC outbreak, for example, there were literally tens of thousands of people walking past or in the area, but relatively few cases. The others were statistically more at risk from the traffic."



Death in the air: some of the ways that legionnaire's disease can spread

In the wake of the Staffordshire outbreak, the Public Health Laboratory Service surveyed 180 hotels and hospitals. It found that the organism *Legionella pneumophila* was present in the water system of two thirds of the hospitals and about half the hotels.

The rod-shaped bacterium – the name means lung-loving – was unknown until 1976, when a group of delegates attending an American Legion Convention in Philadelphia was struck down by a mysterious type of pneumonia. Twenty-nine of them died, and within six months scientists had isolated the responsible agent, named the disease and laid the blame on contaminated bathroom fittings at the hotel.

When doctors tested serum that had been frozen from earlier, undiagnosed cases where the symptoms had been similar, they found that there had been incidents going back at least to the 1940s.

Since then there have been between 150 and 200 cases a year with a death rate of around 10 per cent in Britain. Although healthy young people can succumb, the disease primarily attacks older age groups, especially the over-fifties and those whose resistence is already weakened by conditions such as diabetes, cancer, alcoholism and chronic respiratory problems or kidney disease. Anyone taking drugs which interfere with the body's immunity system is also at risk, as are heavy smokers whose lung repair mechanisms are damaged. Men are three times more likely to be infected than women for reasons not yet understood. Children are rarely victims and there is no evidence that contact affects the unborn child. The disease cannot be caught by person-to-person contact or by drinking water.

The degree of risk is influenced by such factors as humidity and sunshine (the bacteria survive longer if the humidity is above 65 per cent and they are sheltered from direct sunlight), windspeed and direction (the most distant victim in this country was 1.6km from the source), and length of exposure to the organism. Someone may wallow in a steamy bath longer than he will stand in a shower; a shopper passing a cooling tower in a matter of minutes will obviously be less at risk than the office worker who sits inside for eight hours.

Symptoms can manifest themselves between two and 10 days after exposure. The illness may start like a cold, but rapidly progresses to fever, aches, coughing and breathlessness. Patients frequently suffer vomiting and diarrhoea and about half become confused or delirious. "I've known patients who have seen little men coming out of the television or flies everywhere," Fallon says.

If the correct diagnosis is made quickly the outlook is favourable. Legionnaire's disease responds well to the right antibiotics, usually Erythromycin; the survival rate is 90 per cent, and long-term side effects on the kidneys and respiratory system are comparatively rare. Fallon stresses that there are no hidden chronic effects of exposure to a source. "It's not like radiation, for instance. If you feel well, you are well."

The main advantage of an epidemic is that doctors are on the alert; problems generally arise when a misdiagnosis is made. Without the right treatment decline can be rapid.

Once a case is established by tests of the patient's blood, urine or sputum the communicable diseases surveillance centre would generally (at the discretion of the GP) be notified and "everyone would be on the look-out for another case", Fallon says.

"Obviously the more cases, the easier it is to determine the source, but if you contract it abroad during a holiday at a hotel, for example, patients could be scattered to the four corners of the earth."

Legionnaire's disease is not notifiable in England and Wales but has been notifiable in Scotland since the beginning of the year. However, a laboratory discovering positive samples would tell its regional communicable disease surveillance centre, which in turn would communicate regularly with other such centres. The alarm may be raised at any stage, Fallon says, by a GP, a laboratory or a centre.

"It would depend on the circumstances. If you had a case in a provincial city of a man who had not been abroad recently, followed by another case a few days later, you would certainly start looking. But if you had a case of a patient who had been in hospital for the past 10 days you would start looking at once on the basis of that one case, because you would know the source must be in the hospital."

There is no international system of communication on outbreaks of the disease as yet, but a start has been made in Europe with the setting up of a working party made up of members of several countries. The body aims to exchange information and improve communications about the disease.

The latest outbreak has been traced to rooftop cooling towers in the southern part of Leicester Square. Sixteen have been closed pending tests and there has been mounting pressure for tougher legislation to compel owners to make such towers safe. At present the system relies on self-regulation; guidelines from the Health and Safety Executive do not have the force of law, but if health has been endangered failure to comply could be grounds for prosecution. Only last week the BBC was fined £3,600 for endangering public health.

It is possible to build cooling towers that use dry air rather than water, but replacing the thousands of water-cooled types already in existence would be vastly expensive and probably unrealistic. Nor would it solve the problem of contamination in hot water systems in buildings.

Peter Scurry, technical secretary of the Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers, says: "When you have an outbreak people start running around like chickens with their heads cut off. In between no one takes notice of the information that is available."

His organization has produced a guide, "Minimising the Risk of Legionnaire's Disease", which spells out the dangers and the remedies.

"The problem is exacerbated by modern office practices. All these computers generate an enormous amount of heat which must be expelled, hence the need for the towers. But it's really only a problem if people cut down on maintenance."

Key areas include regular draining, cleaning and disinfecting with biocides, and the removal of dirt and organic debris which is food for the bacteria. Cheap, effective tests now exist which can determine the presence of Legionella in a matter of hours. New designs or modifications to buildings should avoid situations where water can become both tepid and stagnant.

Mike Bailey, occupational safety adviser at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, believes it is important to keep a sense of proportion. "I don't think there are more outbreaks, just more awareness. There are only 15 to 20 deaths a year from legionnaire's disease, as opposed to 60,000 from other kinds of pneumonia.

"On the other hand, young and healthy people have died who would not otherwise have got pneumonia, and that is a human tragedy. The disease is entirely preventable. The point is that the guides available are adequate, and people are not doing what they should be doing."

And, Fallon adds: "It is a rare disease but it's also the only kind of pneumonia you can do anything about. With other types it's hard luck, but here you can eradicate the source."

The donation that makes life possible

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Seventy anxious subfertile women will telephone the Lister Hospital in London this month, as they do every month, to find out if their long wait for a donated ovum is over, so that their uterus, carefully primed with the appropriate hormones, can be given the opportunity to nurture an embryo.

Society has accepted that where male infertility is due to deficient sperm, artificial insemination by donor is an acceptable alternative to adoption. However, it has taken longer for society to come to terms with ovum donation, in which ova are donated, fertilized in vitro, and later transferred into the infertile patient. Ovum donation is used for patients who have had a premature menopause, or who carry genes which may be incompatible with having a normal child, or who have failed to ovulate despite appropriate hormonal treatment. Children conceived in this way satisfy the strong desire of many women to experience pregnancy, delivery and breast-feeding by giving them the chance to care for a baby, not just from birth but from conception. Since the donated ovum is fertilized by the husband's sperm it carries his genes, if not hers.

Ovum donation is controlled by a voluntary licensing authority, peopled by the great and the good from a wide variety of religious organizations, politics, medicine and university departments of Essex. This authority has decided that ova should not be offered for donation by relatives or friends of the would-be recipients so that total anonymity of any donor is always preserved. For this reason the authority has decided that there should be a delay in the time between collecting the ovum and its fertilization, and its later transfer to the recipient.

The fertilized ovum is frozen for a month after collection, a process which probably doubles the failure rate of the procedure, which, in its present form has a 30 per cent chance of success. Three fertilized ova are placed in either the woman's uterus or her Fallopian tubes.

There is a great shortage of ova for transfer, hence the anxious telephone calls each month. Donors have to be of proven fertility, healthy and not at risk from any hereditary diseases. Every effort, compatible with the waiting list, is made to find a donor who is similar in appearance to the would-be recipient.

How to knock lice on the head

Human lice come in three varieties: body lice, pubic lice and head lice. The number of body lice cases is increasing, partly due to the use of washing machines' cooler programmes and not ironing clothes. More important, however, is the failure of people to change and clean their clothes frequently and wash regularly. Pubic lice are usually spread by an unwise choice of sexual partner, but the third group, head lice, have no respect for class distinction.

Last week the Prince and Princess of Wales were warned, along with the other parents from Wetherby School in London, to check their children's hair for nits, the eggs of the lice, as well as the insects. At the same time in Norfolk, the head louse epidemic has so incensed Roy and Linda Hibberd, shopkeepers in Wymondham, that they have refused to send their daughter Lorna, aged 8, back to the local state school. They have had to delouse her hair four times in three months.

The views of Dr John Maunder of the Medical Entomology Centre in Cambridge would be equally disturbing to shopkeepers or princes. He feels that epidemics of head lice are not so much maintained in the community in the children's hair where the infection is manifest, but in parents' hair or beards, which are rarely examined.

Diagnosis follows a careful search with a magnifying glass, through which nits can be seen sticking to a hair shaft. In the case of head lice these appear greyish-white. The lice themselves are more difficult to spot, but with care can be seen crawling over the skin. The area behind the ears is often a fruitful area to check. Itching can be a late symptom of head lice; it usually only becomes a problem a couple of months after infestation.

Treatment is two-fold: general measures to restrict the spread of lice in the community, and medication for the individual victim. It is quite unnecessary to shave hair, but in general lice prefer long to short hair. The current fashion of growing beards has probably helped the spread of lice. Frequent combing, brushing and washing spoils the habitat for the lice and discourages their presence. Brushes and combs should never be shared; it is far better to appear untidy than risk using the communal hairbrush provided in the cloakrooms of some schools. Once an infestation has occurred, combs and brushes should be boiled.

Over 90 per cent of lice and their nits are destroyed by a single application of medicated shampoo or cream; any survivors are removed by a second treatment a week later. The chemical can be toxic and is potentially irritant so the dose should not be exceeded. Nits from the eyebrows and eyelashes should be removed with tweezers.

Sense of hearing to the last

Debbie Cowley, aged 22, was mortally injured in a car accident last month. She was due to marry John Smith, her boyfriend of five years, in the summer. Instead the marriage took place in a hospital ward where Debbie, who never fully recovered consciousness, was being nursed. Although apparently unconscious throughout the ceremony, her blood pressure leapt at the moment when they were pronounced man and wife and the ring was placed on her finger.

Debbie's case illustrates the very important medical lesson, that the sense of hearing is the last of the senses to go. Patients can often hear conversation long after it has appeared to bystanders that they have lost contact with the world. For this reason, too light an anaesthetic can leave a patient pain-free, incapable of movement, talking or seeing and yet able to hear a conversation.

Some time ago a woman who had a forceps delivery under general anaesthetic sued her obstetrician, who observed as he delivered the baby: "Damn it, after all this trouble the baby is as ugly as its mother." The preservation of hearing to the last is of importance in nursing, whether at home or in hospital for it must be particularly terrifying for a dying patient if the final words they hear are detached conversations about their own demise.

A better chance of survival

If Bjorn Borg had wanted to kill himself he may well have chosen the wrong tablets. Original reports suggested that he had taken barbiturates, drugs so potentially lethal that their prescription has been abandoned by most doctors in favour of the medium-acting benzodiazepines, drugs of the valium group which are so safe that most patients who take an overdose wake up after a long sleep.

More detailed later accounts suggested that he had not taken barbiturates but two or three times the standard dose of Rohypnol, which is an intermediate acting benzodiazepine, in a small overdose that would be unlikely to damage a frail old lady, yet alone a tennis star. If a patient had taken three Rohypnol tablets, as Borg maintains, no treatment would be indicated, so long as the medical staff were in a position to believe the account. They suggest that at least 30 pills had been taken. In any case of doubt, and provided that the pills had been swallowed within four hours, a stomach wash-out would be indicated.

If barbiturates had been swallowed, 10 tablets were usually considered the level at which a wash-out was obligatory, but again it is sometimes difficult to believe the evidence given. Barbiturate poisoning, once established, is very difficult to treat; dialysis and forced diuresis are tried, but only have a variable degree of success, and the patient may need artificial respiration. Even so, improved nursing techniques revolutionized the pattern of survival between the 1950s, when barbiturates were widely prescribed, and the 1970s, when they gave way to the benzodiazepines.

Tomorrow: Barbara Amiel views the new film *The Accused* and the real and dramatized politics of rape

Brush away a gnawing problem

As Cruft's begins, dog owners should look at the state of their canine's teeth

Next time you take your pet's halitosis to the vet, do not be surprised if you are advised to get it a toothbrush.

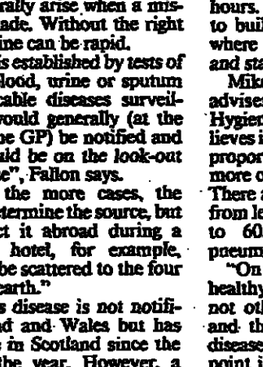
Daily sessions with a baby-soft brush are officially advised by the newly-formed British Veterinary Dental Association and its president, Sue Penman, a 31-year-old Surrey vet.

"More than 85 per cent of dogs and cats over three years old are in need of some dental attention," Penman says. "Symptoms include listlessness, bad breath or drooling, and an inability to carry a stick as usual. Untreated, these conditions could go on to form root abscesses, which discharge pus from the face or into the mouth."

If bad teeth or diseased gums go unchecked, she adds, they can end up causing systemic infection. "The old dog with bad breath and rotted gums can often have a kidney disorder which kills eventually. It is all preventable."

Penman was a natural choice for the presidency of the association. While there are a few dentists who work with animals, she, as a vet, has the most experience in advanced dental work – root canal fillings, braces, crowns – in the country. Three years ago, she interrupted a world tour by stopping off in Denver, Colorado, for two months' tuition with Dr Peter Emily, a leading veterinary dentist.

Now, three out of four patients that she sees as a consultant at two Surrey practices are dental cases. She also teaches other vets. "There are 50 vets from all round the country who are very keen to learn more. We expect our numbers to increase, just as we hope to see a broader base to dental care being taught at veterinary schools."



Patient: Penman at work

Penman acknowledges that the best examples of animal teeth are found in the wild, where a hunk of tough zebra meat is the best treatment for keeping bad teeth at bay. In the meantime, pets with the double disadvantage of a pap-soft diet and a life spent mostly in the great indoors may prefer their owners to take the following advice:

- Don't give bones of any description and imagine that they will automatically do teeth some good. Bones can cause broken teeth, chipped teeth, constipation, diarrhoea, or cause obstructions in the digestive system.
- Don't expect teeth cleaning miracles from biscuits, either for cats or dogs.
- Do replace two meals a week (cats or dogs) with the biggest chunk of sinew-packed meat you can buy. Lightly cooked to kill off all the bacteria which raw meat might contain, these chunks of heart or skirt beef should be given whole.
- Do give raw, crunchy vegetables to your dog – cabbage and cauliflower stalks make excellent teeth cleaners.
- Do get a baby-soft toothbrush either from your vet or from the chemist. There is palatable and swallowable animal toothpaste available, too, although tap water is a reasonable substitute.
- Don't expect miracles at first, and don't expect your pet to open wide on command. "Until you and your pet are used to the process, you will probably be best just brushing the outsides for a few seconds and letting the tongue clean the insides. Pattern of sweep is as for our own teeth, up and down and all around, taking in the gums as well as the teeth."
- Don't have a sneak try with human toothpastes under any circumstances. Human paste contains high levels of salt which could be harmful, is meant to be rinsed off and, apart from anything else, it foams and would certainly frighten your pet. And a mouth-foaming frightened dog might give the neighbours strange ideas about which disease you were trying to treat.

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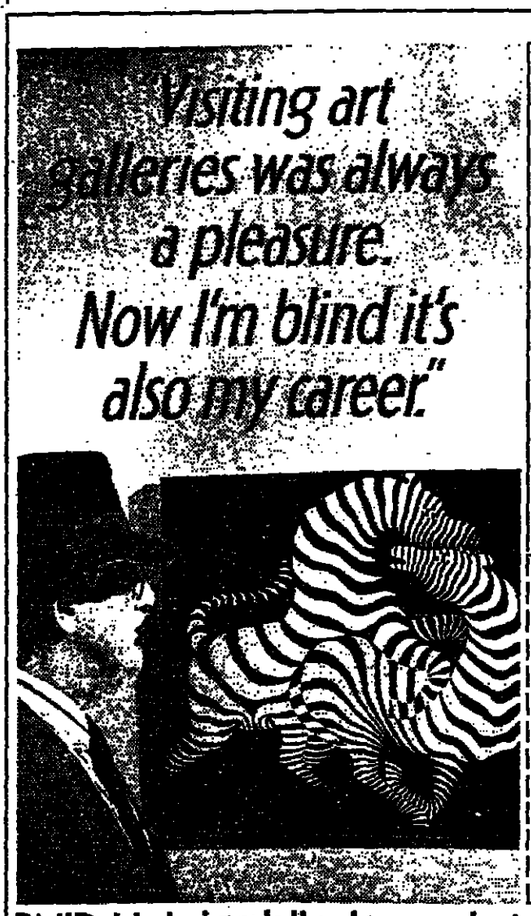

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ALAN COREN

Mr Kenneth Clarke may rant until he is blue enough in the face to have his GP put him out to cardiological tender, but he will never convince me that his White Paper is "the most formidable programme of reform in the history of the NHS". I have combed it twice, and it has not one single word to say on the sniper-patient relationship.

Last Friday, I popped in to see a friend recovering in the private Cromwell Hospital from an operation serious enough to warrant two television sets, a three-piece suite in cream antelope hide, gold taps in the vaulted bathroom, and a carpet that swallowed the visiting shin; of none of which, sadly, the patient could take advantage, since she was at the time allowed nothing livelier than a supine suck at a right-angled straw. All money down the drain, you and Robin Cook will doubtless cry, but not a bit of it: had my friend not gone privately, anyone with a telescope sight could, from the serried roofs opposite, have plugged her where she helpless lay.

I discovered this from her doctor, who had probably dropped in to see how her current account was getting on. During the course of a chat which, had my car not been on short-term meter, might well have led up to a discreet inquiry as to whether I really needed both kidneys, the doctor revealed that not only were the Cromwell's windows made from bullet-proof glass, but that its high-security suites across the corridor, much used by sickly emirs and the like, had been built to withstand a rocket attack.

When will we be able to get such essentials on the NHS, Mr Clarke? Verily we are two nations, and no mistake.

Which brings me to Archer's Cheese Syndrome. I have just this very day finished the last crumb of the 3lb Cheddar which Jeffrey Archer sends to a hundred selected victims every Christmas. Now, far be it from me to gibe at generosity of so succulent an order, especially as the cheese is built by none other than Grandmaster Alvis – an artist to whom even Mr William Waldegrave's illustrious cheesemaking family defers as Somerset's greatest – but, not to put too fine a point on it, what I get from Jeffrey every Chrismas is a cholesterol brick.

Nobody else at home will touch it: they will not even stay in the same room with it, lest their arteries begin furring up. It is thus left to me to slice off 2 oz a day and embrace a risk which the great wordsmith has no business at all to make me run. What a pity Jeffrey is not still an MP! He could be hauled before a select committee, like the no less distinguished Edwina, and made to account for his part in the great Cheddar threat to national wind and limb.

They might even manage to stop him publishing his next book.

BARRY FANTONI

'Neville's saying it's probably a line call for help.'

As a leading amateur practitioner, I cannot over-emphasize the relief I experienced last Saturday at coming upon a man talking to himself in Cricklewood Lane.

It may be helpful here to set a little of the scene, since for those readers unfamiliar with NW2 the words Cricklewood Lane might not only evoke a fetching image of some sylvan glade, but thereby also suggest a simultaneous explanation of why this chap was rabbiting on, viz., he was a poet who, suddenly stumbling upon a host of golden crickles, had begun burbling aloud in the way that poets will. The mundane truth is that Cricklewood Lane is a teeming urban conduit hemmed by seedy Vicwardian brickery, where the only literary composition on offer comes out of an aerosol quill and makes passing stokers blench.

It was here, foursquare on the littered paving between The Friendly Baker and A. A. Baines Turf Accountant, that he stood, last Saturday noon, and turned his private tropes. As he delivered a monologue both trimly articulated and reasonably argued, he appeared neither tight nor barmy; rather, he gave the impression of carrying on a conversation with an old friend who had unaccountably become invisible.

He was perhaps 60, well turned out, and, as I learned while I slowly tied an eavesdropping shoelace beside him, something of an authority on the Vauxhall Cavalier. It was a car which also made him, from time to time, chuckle.

The reason I was relieved was that I had not heard anyone talking to himself in the street for several years. I feared it had died out. When I was young, every other person I passed seemed to be nattering about something, and I'm sure it was good for them to get it off their chests. These days, people tend to bottle things up far too much, which doubtless accounts for the unsettlingly huge increases in stress-related diseases we hear so much about. I should have thought this was an issue crying out for a bit of White Paperwork; but once again, scrutiny proved me wrong.

A last medical shock from this week's casebook.

Yesterday, I happened to read that, in answer to a Commons question, the Social Security Minister Mr Nicholas Scott replied that between 1984 and 1988 the number of centenarian men in Britain had gone up from 100 to 210. According to my pocket calculator, if this alarming trend continues, in a mere 66 years' time the entire male population of this country will be over 100.

Nothing about that in the White Paper, either.

Jeremy Cooper answers critics of the Lord Chancellor's proposals

A bar on public interest

Despite the cries of pain issuing from our Inns of Court, the Lord Chancellor's proposals for shaking up the legal profession bring consumers the first real prospect for radical improvements since the 1949 Legal Aid Act gave the poor access to the civil courts.

Reading the Bar Council Chairman's gloom-ridden statement that "the disappearance of a free and independent Bar would be a tragedy in a free society for the ordinary citizen whose interests the Bar has always protected," it is hard not to conclude that the public interest is being confused with self interest.

For the Green Papers contain much to arouse the enthusiasm of the ordinary citizen: a wider choice of advocates, the chance of briefing a barrister directly, the right to employ bank and building society solicitors in conveyancing transactions, the possibility for all of only paying a lawyer if the case succeeds.

Why are lawyers causing such a fuss?

Take, for example, the proposal that a wider range of advocates should in future be able to appear in the higher courts, including the Crown Court, thereby ending the monopoly currently enjoyed by the Bar. Some barristers, and even some judges, are already muttering about "lowering of standards" if solicitors and lay advocates are allowed to appear in more courts, but there is no reason for the consumer to share this anxiety.

Many barristers are skilled advocates, and they will no doubt continue to be briefed for their skill. In future they may even be briefed directly by the client rather than through a solicitor, thereby giving clients a greater sense of control over their own cases.

But many consumers do not particularly want a barrister respectfully submitting on their behalf in the gobbledegook language of the court room. They would prefer the solicitor they trust to remain their advocate throughout the case.

The Green Paper proposes to give them this choice. Barristers specializing in advocacy will continue to play an important role in more complex cases, but the court room will become a more democratic, user-friendly forum with a wider range of advocates helping to reduce its unsettling rituals – rituals that are heavily sustained by the culture of the Bar.

Lord Mackay's proposal that future judges might be appointed from the solicitor community (ten times the size of the Bar) as well as the Bar, will further advance the democratization process.

There are many other potential advantages for the consumer which flow from the proposed loosening of the controls on advocacy and advocates.

At present barristers can only practise as individuals from "chambers" which have to be approved by the Bar, especially if they are outside the Inns of Court. Like barnacles on the hulk of a ship, the majority cling to the geographical area within a mile or two of the High Court around the Inns of Court. There is not much space left.

The Green Paper points out that "it is absurd that entry to a profession depends upon whether a person can obtain accommodation." It suggests that barristers should be allowed to choose to practise wherever they like. This includes the choice to practise closer to the world of the client.

It further suggests that they should be allowed to set up partnerships, which would allow them to employ more staff, engage in better supervision of newcomers, and provide an element of collective responsibility for their work. Barrister partnerships could be set up as viable businesses, specializing in advocacy, wherever they choose. It is a system that has worked well in Australia and the Netherlands for many years.

Another encouraging prospect for the consumer is the possibility of licensing skilled lay advocates in small claims, debt and housing cases in the county courts. Citizens' Advice Bureau workers, social workers and specialists working in independent advice centres are often very well qualified to represent individuals in such matters in County Court actions but are not permitted to do so. The proposed opening up of the rights of all specialist advocates to advertise their particular skills should further assist consumers in matching their needs to the right advocate.

Finally, the Green Paper deals with the need for greater lawyer accountability to the client in the conduct of the case.

It suggests that codes of practice, drawn up by a body dominated by lay representatives, should insist that clients are kept fully informed about the progress of their case; should understand exactly who is handling it and how; and should be given proper written details about fees and costs as the case progresses. If a case goes to court, advocates must be less long-winded, and identify with greater precision the issues before the case begins.

Most important of all it is proposed that, when a consumer wishes to complain about a lawyer, and the internal complaints procedure does not provide satisfaction, a new and, crucially, independent legal services ombudsman will be empowered to carry out an investigation. This is currently the case in the local government, health and banking worlds.

The legal profession, obsessed with self regulation, has always tended to organize itself in such a way that it is heavily insulated from public criticism. The Green Papers contain much that should further the interest of the long suffering consumer of legal services. In responding to its proposals it remains to be seed whether the profession manages to shoot itself in the foot.

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Bernard Levin

Popping off with a smile

Mourners at a cremation, expecting appropriately solemn music, were treated instead to a spirited rendering of that ballad of my youth, Champagne Charlie:

Champagne Charlie is my name,
Champagne drinking is my game...
All I want is lots of fizz, fizz, fizz,
I'll drink ev'ry drop there is, is, is,
All round town it is the same,
By pop, pop, pop I rose to fame,
I'm the idol of the barmaids,
And Champagne Charlie is my name.

It seems that the deceased had not only specified the music which was to accompany his passing from the world, but had also taken the precaution of recording it. Unfortunately, he had put it on a tape with other musical matter, and someone in charge of the proceedings had run the machine to the wrong point.

I have to say that if it had been *my* funeral I would have much preferred the drinking song to the deceased's choice, which was an excerpt from *Götterdämmerung*, presumably Siegfried's Funeral March. For a start, the precedents are not auspicious; Hitler chose that piece for his self-ending, and the German radio, or what was left of it, then played the damned thing for hours on end.

But this unfortunate error has been made before, more than once or twice. The funeral of Tom Mann, that tireless agitator (he was one of the founders of the British Communist Party), was greatly enlivened when the official in charge of the ceremony (strictly secular, of course) accidentally turned the record over. Mann had naturally specified *The Red Flag*, but the flip-side held a medley of satirical left-wing ditties, and it was one of those that floated out, with dreadful appositeness; Mann, at one stage in his career, had run a pub, and to the horror, outrage and hilarity of the comrades, they heard:

Oh, I am the man, the very fat man,
Who waters the workers' beer. . . .

Or so it is said. (One scandalous version, indeed, has it that Mann had, in his time as a publican, been prosecuted for giving short measure, but this sounds to me like an invention of the capitalist press.)

Another tale of sound and fury is, I believe, less apocryphal; it concerned a most distinguished musicologist and critic. Instructions for the music to be played at his funeral had specified a Bach chorale, but they had been specified over the telephone, and to the amazement of the congregation there was suddenly heard the familiar – all too familiar – plink, plink-plink, plonk-plonk, plink-plink of the barcarole from the *Tales of Hoffman*.

Axel Munthe, in one of his tales (tales indeed, for he was no mean weaver of whoppers, besides being a Nazi sympathizer), goes further, and tells of two bodies being buried in mutually wrong graves, so that the deceased in both cases couldn't understand what the mourners were talking about in their eulogies, besides, presumably, getting cross at hearing the wrong music.

But that brings me to my real purpose today, which is to discuss the extraordinary attitude to death that is now almost ubiquitous in societies like ours.

Not just death, but the very notion of death, particularly our own, almost invariably seems to come as an unpleasant surprise, which really is surprising, in view of the fact that even the vainest of us can hardly believe that it applies only to other people.

We have taken to heart (though in a meaning very different from what the sage intended) the first half of the ancient Chinese rubric – "Live every day as though you are going to live for ever," but we steadfastly refuse to accept the second half "And live every day as though it is your last."

Why is it that from the earliest

times of which we have any knowledge at all we find that the most solemn and profound ceremonies are those surrounding death? Even the celebrations of harvest or the hunt – which might have been thought to have a higher priority, since on these life rather than death depended – are less impressive and less central. William Golding, in *The Inheritors*, which is set in a time long before history, includes an astonishingly moving scene of a funeral – astonishing because the characters in his book are not *even homo sapiens* but the last pre-men, and moving because Golding's artistry is such as to make us feel both the depth and the almost infinite continuity of the last rites.

Yet a funeral today is likely to be a miserable and uncomfortable affair. A real Christian burial, attended by real Christians, is of course impressive, but, however Christian the deceased, if the congregation lack the same faith it will be empty. The Jews' Kaddish is a beautiful prayer, but the Jews have the advantage of their religion's attitude to death, symbolized by the feast of rejoicing, not mourning, which follows a funeral: the Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

St Paul said that we brought nothing into this world and it is certain that we can carry nothing out; an obvious truth, though you would be surprised by the number of people who implicitly deny it, up to the millionaire who, told "You can't take it with you," replied "Then I'm not going to go." (Incidentally, I have just read First Timothy, which is where St Paul said it, right through, and am appalled at the sexism; any bishop who said a tenth of such things today would be tarred and feathered by the members of the Equal Opportunities Commission.)

I begin to think that all the arguments about what follows death are not only pointless (which they obviously are, since we shan't know the answer until we die, and we *shall* know it then), but are standing in the way of a different realization altogether. Let us stop wondering whether our inability to discuss, let alone face, death is the result of the secularization of our society or a suppressed fear that we have in fact not secularized it at all. Let us instead begin to think that the real terror of death, even if nothing but perpetual oblivion follows it, is rooted in what has gone before, not what goes after. Perhaps what haunts our world is the realization of what we have done with our lives.

I don't mean the wrongs we have done, the sins committed, the harm left in the wound; the parable of the talents governs not our future, but our past; what have we done, what have we failed to do, with what we had, and what we gathered as we went along? We cannot step twice into the same river; even if there is no court before which we shall have to justify our lives, we are, if we have any capacity for thought at all, our own prosecutors, witnesses, judges and juries, and there comes a point, not necessarily the point of death, at which we have finally to stop deceiving ourselves and true deliverance make.

Is that, perhaps, the clue – the clue, that is, to our wretched failure to come to terms with anyone's death, not just our own? Have the symbols withered, the ceremonies faded, because we would bring to them only the realization that we have learned nothing from our lives, so that it is not surprising that we are unable to learn anything from our deaths? Have we really been looking in the wrong direction all this time?

I can make no judgement on the man who was buried to the wrong music, and I wouldn't make one even if I could. But if his spirit is still, in some category, susceptible to comfort, let him take it from the fact that his friends, when they had got over the shock, must surely have smiled, if only behind their hands, and to leave your friends a legacy of smiles is at least something accomplished.

Will my executors kindly note that although the order of service at my funeral may specify the *St Matthew Passion*, I want a prankster standing by to substitute for it – going further than the man who started this excursion – the *Champagne Aria* from *Don Giovanni*, the *Champagne Chorus* from *Die Fledermaus*, and (even in death I must show off), the *Champagne Invitation* from *Die Bajadere*.

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Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Tory green fingers

Mrs Thatcher will give an interview to the BBC *Nature* programme on March 2. She will face one overriding question. How real are her "green" politics in terms of practical policy? Implicit is a further inquiry: how far is her expressed concern for the environment conviction politics, and how far is it designed to protect the Tory Party from a prevailing wind without too much inconvenience to "the market"?

The scepticism is understandable. In the last Parliament the Government's response to environmental pollution was minimal and offhand. This attitude seemed to be summed up by its refusal to take any action in response to complaints from Scandinavia and Germany that acid rain emissions of sulphur from Britain's power stations brought sickness and death to their forests. How that position came to be adopted and then changed illuminates both the way in which politicians often have to depend for advice on experts with a vested interest, and the importance of a persistent independent monitoring body able to sustain an informed critique of the advisers who have the Government's ear.

The Government's scepticism about acid rain can be chiefly attributed to one episode. Around Christmas 1983, Lord Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, went to Chequers to be asked by Mrs Thatcher whether Britain's power stations were guilty to any major extent of the damage to the European forests. He convinced her that they were not, that she should take a relaxed attitude to complaints which were technically unfounded, and that action would mean huge expenditure for no great good, a point decisive in the then economic climate.

What led to the Government's change of mind was the report on acid rain by the Commons Select Committee on the Environment. It contained irrefutable evidence of the environmental damage being done by emissions from British fossil fuel power stations. Initially, there was heavy official scepticism. The vested interests marshalled their forces. But such was the weight of the committee's evidence that the Government accepted the need for a major expansion in research and air monitoring. This brought a change in policy, government research on air pollution, and a programme for de-sulphurizing major power stations and encouraging the use of lead-free petrol in cars. A subsequent air pollution report, which also covered CFC gases and the "greenhouse" effect, shifted government policy still further.

The cause of de-polluting the environment gives Mrs Thatcher a bonus in that it supports her wish to advance clean nuclear power at the expense of dirty coal. But what matters more is her conviction that people really do mind about their environment. She has an acute instinct for feeling and absorbing what the majority of ordinary people feel. That is why she is still in power and why she is unlikely to be dominated by the narrower kind of "market" doctrine.

At the Tory conference she was loudly applauded for declaring that we have no freehold on the earth, but only "a life tenancy with a full repairing lease" which the Government would honour. This brings us back to the all-party Commons Environment Committee, with its Tory chairman, Sir Hugh Rossi and a Tory majority, which has contributed crucially to policy-making on a wide range of environmental subjects. Whatever Cobdenites and commercial interests like to think, mainstream Tories in and out of parliament are not concerned only with the environment around their own homes.

Soon after Mrs Thatcher's "green" interview, the Environment Committee will produce its report on hazardous waste, having received much evidence on "cowboy" disposal operations, bad standards of practice and the lack of control over dangerous wastes. It is especially concerned about the "poacher-game-keeper" role of the "waste authorities". This is also the role of the present water authorities, of which the committee noted in its 1986-7 report that they are "responsible for controlling water pollution by others and simultaneously are significant dischargers to (and polluters of) the water course with effluent from their sewage works."

Whatever can be said against the Government's water privatization plans on grounds of potential damage to the landscape owned by the present authorities and the possibility of foreign take-overs, they have two great merits. Private water companies will able to go to the market for capital investment, the lack of which is largely the cause of pollution, instead of being constrained by public borrowing limits. Still more important, an independent water authority will enforce standards on the private companies in a way government departments are reluctant to do against nationalized industries, especially when the remedy is more public money.

Independent powers of regulation are the essential means of dealing with all kinds of pollution. If the thrust of questioning by the Environment Committee is a guide, it is likely, in reporting on hazardous waste, to recommend the setting up of some kind of general independent commission for the protection of the environment against pollution of all kinds. But whether there should be one such agency or several matters less than ending reliance on self-regulation by the chief offenders.

The essence of the problem is vested interests, which first defend themselves by asserting that there is no connection with their own activities and the problem at issue, then try to combat evidence by saying that the connection cannot be formally proved, and finally retreat to the "it is doubtful whether" stage.

The committee should now turn to internal pollution, particularly that caused by unhealthy buildings which are constructed in theory for capital and running cost economies, but where workers function ineffectively when below par and the cost of sickness, personal suffering and lost efficiency is unmeasured. The latest worry about legionnaires' disease in London is only the tip of an iceberg which the "green" committee should now tackle in its vital parliamentary work of representing the citizen against the polluter's vested interest.

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Though it was to be several years before compulsory driving tests were introduced in Britain, the Pedestrians' Association believed that such tests were long overdue. It also thought that skidding should be deemed prima facie evidence of dangerous driving.

SAFETY OF WALKERS

The safety of pedestrians was discussed when Mr. P.J. Pybus, Minister of Transport, received a deputation from the Pedestrians' Association yesterday.

A memorandum submitted by the deputation to the Minister stated that the association had deemed it right to suspend final judgment on the effect of the abolition of the speed limit for light cars until complete figures were available showing the results of the first year's working of the Act. Those figures, it was added, are not yet available, but the official information already given confirms common observation and newspaper reports that the roads have been even more dangerous to the walking public in 1931 than in 1930, which was a record year for accidents. The only detailed official figures so far available to the public are the quarterly returns on street accidents issued by the Metropolitan Police, and these show that during the three quarters ending September last the number of pedestrians killed on the roads had risen from 614 to 648, despite a reduction of 20,000 in the number of motor-vehicle licences issued in the Metropolitan area.

"In particular, newspaper reports point to an increase in accidents due to skidding, and here the association would stress that skidding should be deemed *prima facie* evidence of dangerous driving."

The association called attention to the provisions in the Road Traffic Act whereby application can be made to the Minister of Transport for the reimposition of local speed limits, and trusted that, should figures prove that in important centres there was no marked diminution in the accidents to pedestrians, and should application be made by the appropriate local authority for the reimposition of speed limits in such centres, such applications would receive sympathetic consideration.

The association adhered to its opinion that driving tests, which were compulsory in every country in the world, with the exception of Belgium and Bolivia, had a definite contribution to make to road safety, and in this respect it was interesting to note that last year 30 per cent. of the applicants for driving licences in France failed to pass the statutory driving tests. Until the question of driving tests had been dealt with by Parliament, the association urged that where accidents had resulted from the incompetence of the driver, owing to physical disability or lack of road sense, greater resort should be made to the permanent suspension of licence.

"A matter which is exercising the minds of many persons who interest themselves in the problem of safety on the roads," the memorandum continued, "is the lack of uniformity in the administration of the law, and the many instances in which persons charged with serious motoring offences, in respect of circumstances not substantially in dispute, have been either acquitted or let off with merely nominal punishments...

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CAPPING CRIME

The most remarkable aspect of the British Government's decision to declare war on fraudulent claims for Common Agricultural Policy and other EEC subsidies is that it has taken it so long. For at least a decade it has been suspected that the Mafia were finding the profits from EEC fruit, vegetables, wine and olive oil payments worth their attention. It is four years since the European Commission promised to strengthen its fraud inspectorate.

Closer to home, serious cases of fraud are no novelty and the causes have been extensively discussed. Farmers have been caught since the early 1980s smuggling cattle from Northern Ireland to the Irish Republic and re-exporting them to qualify for EEC refunds worth £100 a cow. It is just over a year since Britain's own National Audit Office reported that the complexity of the regulations governing duties, border taxes, monetary compensation and export subsidies gave ample "scope for irregularity, exploitation and fraud".

The Public Accounts Committee last July pointed to lax procedures and inadequate inspection of goods in Britain. It also pointed out that nobody knows the full extent of CAP fraud since there is no uniform basis for reporting "irregularities". It urged the Government to press in Brussels for reform.

The official, and quite plausible, explanation for the sudden raising of the temperature is that last December's report by the European Court of Auditors has finally caught the Prime Minister's eye. It is, indeed, eye-catching. It estimates the scale of EEC fraud at £2-3 billion a year and cites individual hauls of up to £70 million from the racket.

At European Parliament hearings in Brussels last week the EEC fraud squad (finally created last October, with 12 out of its grand total of 19 inspectors so far appointed) further conceded that the "zone of shadows" was so large as to accommodate 10-20 per cent of the Community budget: that is, up to £6 billion worth of practices such as false descriptions of goods, phoney export certificates, and compensation claims for non-existent commodities.

Britain will again place fraud on the Agricultural Council's agenda on Monday. But calls for "action" are not enough: the Government will have to define its war aims. This will not be easy.

Detecting, and punishing, fraud is up to national governments. The Commission has no powers to prosecute, and its fraud squad's role is officially to co-ordinate governments' investigations. This is a polite way of saying that its job is to see that governments do not cover up fraud. Absurdly, they have an incentive to do so: if they fail to prosecute, or to recover the money, the Community takes the loss. If they succeed, the money is repayable to EEC coffers.

It is by no means evident that Britain would support a Community "flying squad" to tackle the problem (as M Delors has suggested). Any federal policing system would raise broader issues of sovereignty. At the same time, the British preference for efficient national customs and excise controls has to deal with the evident failure of national bureaucracies to control the traffic.

Complexity, the National Audit Commission and the EEC auditors agree, is the accomplice of crime. The central thrust of short-term British policy should be to get the Commission to disentangle 32 years' accretion of red tape. Offenders should no longer be able to plead simple confusion. Member-states should, as the Commission recommends, assume some responsibility for the funds lost through fraud, whether or not they initiate prosecutions. Penalties should be increased.

But the heart of the affair is the CAP itself. It exists to cushion EEC farmers from the market-place, through protecting them from imports, paying them to produce at above world prices, and getting rid of the resulting surpluses either by feeding them to animals or dumping them on world markets.

This costs the average family of four £9 a week for overpriced food and £4.50 in taxes to finance the CAP: it also creates a maze of subsidy to be fraudulently exploited. Official market rigging has created a criminal substratum.

Reforms could help to reduce the scale of fraud. But the CAP, short of recruiting legions of extra bureaucrats, is unpoliceable. Agricultural ministers have just taken the first tentative steps towards financing farmers not by subsidizing production but by protecting rural incomes. It is a first step towards a form of subsidy less open to abuse than the CAP.

In the short term, crime must be tackled. But consumers and taxpayers would benefit by returning farming to the market-place where, under the Treaty of Rome, it surely belongs. The CAP's cornucopia of cash should be removed from the shop window.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY

Mrs Thatcher is often presented, however inaccurately, as a politician who is determined to force through unpopular measures against the will of the majority. On the question of Sunday trading, however, the situation is almost the exact reverse.

Opinion polls show at least two-thirds would welcome the freedom to shop on Sunday without restriction. Yet the Government was forced to withdraw its Sunday Trading Bill in 1986 in the face of a determined minority campaign and is wary of raising another hornet's nest with a further attempt at legalizing unrestricted Sunday trading.

On one thing practically everyone is agreed: the anomalies of the present law should not be allowed to continue. The 1950 Shops Act forbids Sunday trading in England and Wales except for certain specified items which today constitute a bizarre list. Fodder for mules may be obtained but supermarkets are closed for groceries. Bibles are not on sale but semi-pornographic magazines are. Enforcement of the law is left to local authorities, with the result that in some areas it is strictly observed while in others it is openly flouted.

The Conservative election manifesto contained a commitment to bring sense and consistency to the Sunday trading laws, and a year ago Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office, called for submissions on the subject. The Government is now delicately sounding out its back-benchers on what kind of reforms might command a majority in the House of Commons.

MPs — and the Lords who debated the matter yesterday — should think carefully before opposing a reform which is so popular and makes such eminent sense. The Sunday trading laws are an anachronism when people increasingly want to be active on a Sunday and would welcome the convenience of being able to go shopping then. The present Government has sought to couple economic and social freedom with commensurate responsibility: the freedom to spend Sunday as one wishes is entirely a part of that.

Opponents of Sunday trading argue that Sunday should be a day apart and that opening the shops would keep people out of the churches. Whether people go to church is a matter for them. But allowing shops to open is unlikely to turn Sunday into a day like any other. In Scotland, where the relevant section of the Shops Act has never applied, shops open only where there is a demand. There is trading in about 23 per cent of the total and about twice as many people go to church regularly in Scotland as in England and Wales.

Nor is there any shortage of people willing to work. Sunday working is particularly popular with young mothers: they can retain some independence, confident that their children are being looked after by their father or other members of the family.

The Government appears to be leaning towards a compromise advanced by the Shopping Hours Reform Council. This would allow shops to open for, say, six hours on Sunday afternoons but restrict morning opening to certain categories of retailers. For a measure aimed at introducing sense and consistency into Sunday trading it is a curious proposal.

While offering shoppers half a loaf in the shape of afternoon trading, it would retain all the problems associated with statutory itemization of which goods may or may not be sold. An alternative proposal, that only shops below a certain size should be permitted to open, would introduce all sorts of new anomalies. The only really sensible and consistent reform is to abandon the Sunday trading restrictions altogether.

SOFT WINDS IN JAMAICA

Less than a month since President Reagan left the White House, his closest ally in the Caribbean seems about to make a less dignified exit from power. If the opinion polls are right, the voters of Jamaica will exchange their Prime Minister, Mr Edward Seaga, for the man whom he replaced eight years ago. So long as Mr Michael Manley and his People's National Party (PNP) mean what they say, however, the change should be less than dramatic.

Mr Manley's previous period as Prime Minister, between 1972 and 1980, was one of enthusiastic socialism at home and growing alarm in Washington and elsewhere. Policies which included nationalization and friendship with Cuba bred concern among foreign investors and led to a sharp decline in the economy.

But Mr Manley has changed his tune in recent years. By rediscovering a faith in the private sector and assiduously cultivating the commercial world, he has won many businessmen over to his cause. By diligently courting politicians and officials in the United States moreover, he seems to have allayed American fears. Even his stated intention of re-opening diplomatic links with Havana has ruffled few feathers in Washington. The test will be whether Mr Manley's new-found respectability is translated into government.

If he loses the election, Mr Seaga might justifiably feel hard done by. He has brought down inflation, reduced unemployment (still running at 20 per cent) and achieved steady economic growth. He can even point to the country's recovery from the devastation of hurricane Gilbert last September. Not only has the island repaired much of the $1 billion worth of damage, but the tourist industry — the biggest single foreign exchange earner — is back on its feet.

The market policies and cuts in public spending which accompanied these successes have, however, led to a deterioration in the social services and to complaints about education and public health. With nearly half of Jamaica's foreign income going to service a debt of more than $4 billion, not even Mr Manley has been able to promise rapid improvement.

To some extent the voters' preference may be not only instinctive but also personal. Mr Seaga was born and educated in the United States and has the reputation of being less at home with the ordinary islanders than is the more outgoing nationalist, Mr Manley. Although he has wisely avoided making extravagant promises which the next government could not afford, Mr Manley has still come across as a man of the people.

The last election campaign, in 1980, was characterized by sharp ideological clashes between politicians and disfigured by unprecedented violence in which an estimated 700 people were killed. This time, the ideology has been muted and the violence, while no less ugly, has been on a far smaller scale. The party leaders might both claim credit for this. Last August they signed a "peace treaty" and their supporters have largely abided by it. Whoever wins today can be grateful that the economic and political expenses he inherits will be so relatively low.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wide extent of racial inequality

From the Chief Executive of the Commission for Racial Equality

Sir, Mr Honeyford (February 6) says that "the extent to which our ethnic minorities' wellbeing is a function of racial discrimination has never been reliably established." There are many research studies, however, dating from the late 1960s, which show beyond any reasonable doubt that racial discrimination is widespread and deeply entrenched.

Between February, 1984, and March, 1985, for example, the Policy Studies Institute carried out tests in three major cities to measure the extent of racial discrimination, eliminating all possible variables, at the initial stage of recruitment. It found that one employer in three was discriminating against black and Asian applicants. The researchers estimated that nationwide there were tens of thousands of acts of direct racial discrimination in recruitment each year.

Recent investigations by this commission reveal a similar pattern. In 1988, for example, it was found that a medical school actually programmed its computer for sifting applications from potential students so that it discriminated on racial grounds. The program was intended to replicate the behaviour of the selectors who had done the job previously.

Mr Honeyford is mistaken when he argues that contract compliance cannot be implemented without quota systems. No schemes in this country have involved the use of quotas. It is sufficient that employers should be able to show that, by adopting particular policies and practices, they are using their best endeavours to provide equal opportunity.

It is perverse to argue that contract compliance would introduce racial discrimination when it is prevalent already and when contract compliance is designed to eliminate it. In its recent White Paper, *Employment in the 1990s*, the Government acknowledges that racial discrimination is a barrier "which hinders the best use of the country's human resources". If contract compliance were introduced, the Government would be helping employers to realise the full potential of the labour market.

Yours faithfully,
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Obliged to whom?

From Sir Geoffrey Chandler

Sir, The planned privatisation of water and electricity is understandably arousing anxiety about its possibly adverse impact on the consumer. The privatisation of monopolies has none of the industrial logic which underlies that of activities where competition can improve efficiency, underpin quality of product or service, and protect consumer interest.

Anxiety must be heightened by the fact that the company law under whose regime these activities, once privatised, will come imposes a legal obligation solely to the shareholder. This archaic legal framework may well encourage the profit-before-service emphasis contained in a speech last week by Mr John Baker, Chief Executive-designate of National Power.

More important, in a world where the concept of obligation to all stakeholders — employees, customers, and community as well as shareholders — is increasingly recognised in precept and practice by enlightened managements, it is a positive hindrance to the spread of such enlightenment.

In 1972 Lord Watkinson headed a CBI study on the responsibilities of the public company as a potential stimulus to radical change in company law. It has sat on the shelf ever since. There is urgent need for the debate to be reopened.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY CHANDLER,
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January 30.

Sky blue?

From Mr David Leah

Sir, Dish aerials for satellite broadcasting reception are beginning to spring up all over the country. Could the manufacturers not paint these aerials a dull brown or green so that they do not become even more of an eyesore? The military authorities camouflage theirs, and presumably they still work satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LEAH,
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Wokingham, Berkshire.

Britain and Europe

From the Editor of New European

Sir, You report (January 26) the *British Lifestyle Report* as concluding that "British people would not mind being part of a united Europe, provided Britain still made its own decisions". The whole point of the kind of united Europe that Jacques Delors envisaged was that 80 per cent of decisions would be made in Brussels, not Britain, within the next 10 years.

In opposing that prospect the British Government is clearly in line with the wishes of the majority of British people. On the other hand, British people — and this is not new — do want more friendly and harmonious relations with the rest of Europe. Norman Webb, Secretary General of Gallup International, which carries out the Euro-barometer research for the European Commission, said at a conference in 1986:

When broad questions are asked some 70 per cent of UK respondents are in favour of the general idea of European unity, but they do not link that concept specifically to the European Community and its particular institutions. Once specific questions are asked about the European Community and its institutions that goodwill vanishes. There is a distinction between the European Community and the general idea of European co-operation.

It is absolutely clear that the majority of British people want a new sort of Europe. They do not want a fortress Europe that ends at the frontier of the Community, they do not want the bureaucracy of what Sir John Hoskyns calls "the Brussels culture", but they do want a positive harmonious European Community open to the European countries outside the EEC and to the world.

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Tunnel's impact on European traffic

From Dr Rodney Leach

Sir, Your three feature articles on the significance and implications of the Channel tunnel (January 30-February 1) made good reading.

Providing logistic operational problems are solved and services are marketed effectively, the tunnel should both capture a significant volume of existing Anglo-continental traffic passing through south-east England, and generate new tourist traffic between those major English and continental conurbations that will be linked by direct services.

However, amidst the euphoria that the tunnel is actually being built, there are dangers of seeing it as a transport panacea, which it is not.

For example, on grounds of time and cost it is unlikely to have much impact on dispersed traffic flows currently passing by sea between northern England and Scotland and the north Continent, or between southern England and south-western France, Spain and the Mediterranean.

Nor is it likely to make a great impact on the split of through traffic carried respectively by road and rail — witness the progressive decline in market share of railborne traffic between France/Italy, France/Germany, etc., which have had their equivalents of the "Channel tunnel" since railways began.

Sadly advocates of the trans-atlantic "Liverpool/Continent landbridge" will also be disappointed. Sea transport in large container ships costs much less than land transport by road or rail unless the overland journey is much shorter.

Therefore, it makes sense for ships to voyage as close as possible to the "centre of gravity" of origin/destination of the cargo. Unfortunately for Liverpool, geography will dictate the continuing supremacy of Rotterdam and Antwerp.

The real economic beneficiary of the Channel tunnel will be coastal northern France, which as a minimum will gain a share of the revenue from British transit traffic to Belgium/Holland, etc., that currently travels direct. Undoubtedly too, overcrowded south-east England will develop further — if we permit it.

Time will demonstrate the truth of these basic economic facts. However, the nice thing about the present project, unlike its socialist predecessor that some of us opposed successfully through Parliament in 1974/75, is that market forces and private funding should decide the outcome.

But competitors to the tunnel should watch out for a *dirigiste* response in France if traffic volumes fall below forecast tunnel expectations.

Yours faithfully,
RODNEY LEACH,
Cleeve House,
Windermere, Cumbria.
February 2.

From Lady Corisande Bain Smith

Sir, The French are wondering why the British are protesting against the imposition of a high-speed rail link through Kent. They should realise it is the intention to run these lines straight through the rural settlement areas with minimum or no environmental protection, and without there being any legislation, official standard or national guidance applying to railway noise in the UK. Such noise criteria exist on the Continent, and current BR proposals fall far short of their standards.

Nineteenth-century laws are being invoked to deal with a 1990s project, for which the said laws are totally unsuited, and use of a private Bill will evade the protection which should be granted by the EEC Directive 85/337. Your report (January 25) quotes a French spokesman as saying that "of course the SNCF made alternative arrangements in built-up areas". There is no such "of course" in Kent, hence the protests.

Yours sincerely,
C. BAIN SMITH,
Wickens Manor,
Charing,
Nr Ashford, Kent.

From Mr Somerset de Chair

Sir, This Government cannot afford to play fast and loose with its supporters. Your leader on the Kentish interest in the Channel tunnel (February 2) is quite specific:

The people of Kent have a right to feel particularly aggrieved. When the Channel Tunnel Bill was going through Parliament more than two years ago, the then Transport Secretary, Mr Nicholas Ridley, suggested that no changes to the existing rail routes would be required.

It is quite unforgiveable for the Government to get the Bill through Parliament with assurances of that kind, and for British Rail (still a nationalised industry) to go forward now with devastating plans to rip up part of the Garden of England in an attempt to force through trains thundering along at 180 mph. This was either calculated deception or it was nothing.

No doubt all sorts of economic arguments can be advanced for a fast connection between London and the Kentish terminal of the Channel tunnel; but that was not what Mr Ridley implied.

Yours faithfully,
SOMERSET de CHAIR,
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Bishopsbourne,
Nr Canterbury, Kent.

V & A closures

From the President of the Centre International d'Étude des Textiles Anciens

Sir, Scholars everywhere will be dismayed by your report (January 28) of the proposed elimination of specialist departments at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

The existing departments devoted to ceramics, furniture, metalwork, sculpture and textiles have assembled stupendous collections and are pre-eminent centres of international research in their respective fields.

This has come about because the experts in each department have had full responsibility for acquisitions, daily care of the objects, display, research and all other aspects of their special areas of study. The proposal to amalgamate these specialist departments into two mixed departments and, furthermore, to hive off responsibility for research and for daily care of all sorts of objects into two other departments is a recipe for superficiality at all points and for rapid wastage of real expertise.

Of course the museum has problems which must be solved, but not by throwing down the pillars on which the structure stands. It is to be hoped that wiser counsels may yet prevail and that the trustees of this great museum will refrain from wilful destruction of some of the most precious assets entrusted to them.

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Student loans

From Dr B. J. Boughton

Sir, Your Higher Education Reporter (January 30) reports some of the possible consequences which expensive student loans will have on the recruitment of medical students. An alternative way to improve the country's investment in training of doctors would be to contract newly qualified practitioners to a period of service to the NHS.

The sense of this has been recognized for many years by Third World countries when they subsidize their own medical profession for training overseas. In Britain the system already operates for students whose university fees are paid by scholarships from our Armed Forces.

A similar system of NHS scholarships would allow the NHS to fill doctors' posts in unpopular parts of the country and in unpopular specialties. It would avoid the expense of employing overseas doctors and the waste of appointing British medical graduates to posts overseas. It would also place an obligation on the female graduates in our medical schools (currently 50 per cent of the total) who are often lost to the NHS when they marry and have children.

Yours sincerely,
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Symbol of deafness

From the Director General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind

Sir, Mr Philip Stunt (February 4) wonders what convenient device could be used by deaf people to indicate their condition. Mr Stunt and many other of your readers may not be aware that a red and white striped cane is used by individuals whose hearing and sight are both impaired.

Red and white canes are provided free by many local authorities, though some charge for these and for white canes.

Yours faithfully,
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A fair trial for the solicitors

From Sir David Napley

Sir, Sir Michael Ogden, QC (February 7) totally misses the point, of course. The question is not whether currently most solicitors/advocates are as good at it as experienced members of the Bar, but whether they would be in the future, were the Bar to stop using every trick and artifice in the book to prevent them acquiring the requisite experience.

The Green Paper rightly advances the proposition that, in the future, with proper common education and the fullest opportunity for both branches to acquire the necessary skill by experience, the public would truly be assured that freedom of choice to which the Bar pays only lip service.

Presumably, Sir Michael Ogden is not suggesting that those undergraduates who, from their present situation of abject ignorance of what practice requires, choose to become solicitors are less mentally equipped than those who, from a no better informed position, choose the Bar. Indeed, the Bar's recent concern has been that the better brains were opting for the solicitors' branch. Nor is he asserting, I assume, that all barristers are superb, or even adequate, advocates.

Why, in the future, should not everyone who chooses to become a lawyer be eligible for every available office and pursuit within the system which their skill and dedication warrant?

Sir Michael Ogden reminds me of those to whom Macaulay addressed his remarks in the House of Commons in 1833 in his celebrated speech on the emancipation of the Jews, when, in terms, he told them it was the height of bigotry to exclude people from pursuits and then seek to justify that exclusion by asserting their lack of experience and ability to perform them.

Against this background, the massing of the serried ranks of the Bar and those who formerly practised at it, in the House of Lords, miserably to defend their nurtured privileges and monopolies against the public interest, does not give promise of an edifying spectacle.

Yours truly,
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From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, Perhaps one of those lawyers who charge enormous fees and oppose Lord Mackay's proposals would inform us whether the money spent on their fees is well spent. Surely they would answer "Yes". They would thereby admit that the rich can buy for themselves a better chance in the lottery of litigation than those of moderate means.

Yet to serve the rule of law should be a vocation, not a business. Instead, as the great Lord Bowen said, "Justice is open to all, like the grill room of the Ritz Hotel".

Yours faithfully,
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Red phone boxes

From Mr G. R. Wanstall

Sir, For several years I have been involved with the efforts to save some K6 red traditional telephone boxes. Many felt the agreed national list of 1,000 to be far too small. After recent representations to the Department of the Environment in London I have just been told some good news. I quote from the DoE letter:

We are proposing to increase the guideline figure of 1,000 kiosks, which we originally thought we might protect by listing, to a figure which we think will be high enough to ensure that all of the best examples will be preserved.

This is excellent news and I hope all concerned with our tradition and preserving the best of it will do all they can to ensure early implementation by British Telecom and the DoE.

Yours faithfully,
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Herne Bay, Kent.

Kissing and telling

From Mr T. W. E. Corbett

Sir, My brother-in-law married a French girl who introduced into an otherwise normal English family the habit of kissing on both cheeks nearly 25 years ago. My mother-in-law now looks pained if kissed only once; radiant if kissed three times.

Lady Elliott (January 31) is right to be concerned at the spread of decadent French habits; but I doubt whether she can do anything to stop them now that we are all bound by the Single European Act.

Yours sincerely,
TIM CORBETT,
The Home Farm, Leebotwood,
Church Stretton, Shropshire.
January 31.

From Canon H. L. H. Townshend

Sir, May I suggest, in reply to the query at the end of Lady Eliott's letter as to where it will all end, that we have already gone one stage further, or those who practise it have, when the kisses are now accompanied by a sort of "yummy" noise each time.

Yours truly,
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January 31.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 8: Air Vice-Marshal J. H. Harris (Commandant General of the Royal Air Force Regiment) had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured the Righ Hon the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London with her presence at luncheon at Guildhall to mark the 800th Anniversiary of the Mayoralty.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received on arrival by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Christopher Collett) and inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the Honourable Artillery Company.

The Duchess of Grafton, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a reception for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds at Buckingham Palace.

The Duchess of York this afternoon visited Freemantles School, Hatton Hill, Windlesham.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mrs Ruth Buchan, Headmistress.

Mrs John Spooner was in attendance.

The Princess Royal today visited Nuneaton where Her Royal Highness, as President of Save the Children Fund, attended the Adams Childrenswear Staff Conference and opened the new Distribution Centre.

In the afternoon the Princess Royal opened the Centenary Business Centre, Hammond Close, Attleborough Fields Industrial Estate.

Her Royal Highness was received on arrival by Captain the Viscount Daventry (Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Warwickshire).

The Princess Royal, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 8: The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, visited community projects in Spitalfields and launched the Lloyd's of London Programme at Lloyd's.

Mr Guy Salter was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales received His Excellency the Ambassador of the United States of America and Mrs Price at Kensington Palace, W8.

The Princess of Wales opened Glebe House, 8 Mill Street, Kidlington, Oxford.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Sports Association for the Disabled, opened the Sports and Leisure Centre of the Oxford and District Sports and Recreation Association for the Disabled, at Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane, Marston, Oxford.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
February 8: The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at the annual dinner of the UK-Pakistan Cultural Foundation at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will visit Saudi Arabia from March 17 to 19 after the official visit by the Prince and Princess of Wales to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

Prince Michael of Kent has been reappointed President of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for a further term of three years.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will preside at the selection committee for the Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize at the Design Council at 11.30; and, as patron, will attend the inaugural reception of the Landscape Institute Diamond Jubilee Year at the Café Royal at 6.50.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the RAF Benevolent Fund Trenchard memorial service in Westminster Abbey at noon.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief Fleet, the Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel and the Air Officer Commanding 18 Group, RAF, at Northwood at 11.15; and will attend the annual dinner of the Fruiterers' Company at Plaisterers' Hall at 7.30.

The Princess of Wales will open the new Regional Drug Dependence and Research Unit at Springfield Hospital, SW17, at 10.00.

The Duchess of York will attend the Sports Aid Foundation dinner at Guildhall at 7.20.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Homeless Ball at the Hilton hotel at 8.00 in aid of Homes for the Homeless People Trust.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Henry Harrison, 9th president of the USA 1841, Berkeley, Virginia, 1773; Edward Carson, 1st Baron Carson, lawyer, leader of the Irish Unionist Party, Dublin, 1854; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, London, 1865; Amy Lowell, poet and critic, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1874; Alban Berg, composer, Vienna, 1885; Brendan Behan, writer, Dublin, 1923.

DEATHS: John Hooper, Bishop of Worcester, martyr, burnt at the stake, Gloucester, 1553; Nevil Maskelyne, astronomer royal 1765-1811, Greenwich, 1811; Fyodor Dostoevsky, Leningrad, 1881; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Wellington, New Zealand, 1938.

Sir Thomas Sopwith

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Thomas Sopwith will be held at St Clement Danes, Strand, London, WC2, on Wednesday, April 12 at noon. Applications for tickets should be sent, in writing, to reach Mr Alan Piper, British Aerospace plc, 11 Strand, London, WC2N 5JT, by no later than Thursday, March 23. Applications should not be sent to St Clement Danes.

Bruce Chatwin

A memorial service for Bruce Chatwin will be held on Tuesday, February, 14, at 2.30 pm in The Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, London, W2.

Warblers growing fainter outside the New Forest

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Britain's small population of Dartford Warblers is now heavily concentrated in one area, the New Forest, and the risk of their extinction from this country has increased, Dr Robert Page, director of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Naturalists' Trust, says.

The trust's latest survey shows that the bird is in decline outside the New Forest, the last big stretch of more-or-less natural countryside in southern England. Only a quarter of breeding Dartfords are now found outside the forest.

"Although there has been an encouraging increase in the number of Dartford Warblers in the New Forest, there is generally shrinkage elsewhere because of the loss of heathland in southern England and Europe and with it nesting sites", Dr Page said. "It would only take one severe winter in the New Forest to decimate the total population".

Over the past four years the Dartford Warbler population in the New Forest has more than doubled from 203 to 450 pairs, the highest figure recorded since comprehensive surveys started in the early 1960s, when the country-wide population dropped to as low as 10 pairs after the particularly severe winter of 1962-63.

Dr Page attributed the increase in Dartford Warblers in the New Forest to a series of mild winters and better management of the forest and improved habitat. "The right mix of mature gorse and heather can easily be destroyed by over-burning", he said.

● Thousands of wild geese which usually feed on the Solway Marshes separating England and Scotland are missing and RSPB wardens were unable yesterday to explain the absence of the Pink Foot Goose (a correspondent writes).

A senior warden said: "At the end of January each year we normally have over 8,000 of these arctic breeding birds here on our reserves. But this year there are only 500 and we are very puzzled.

"The geese begin their return migration from southern Lancashire and Cheshire early in January and the numbers we recorded there last December was similar to previous years."

He added: "It could be that they have fed well there and that changing arable farming methods in northern Scotland have tempted the birds to fly further north because they know the food is available."

SCIENCE REPORT

Designer molecule for Aids

The battle against Aids may soon be fought with a new type of molecule specially designed not only to protect cells from infection by HIV-1, the virus that causes Aids, but also to help white blood cells destroy the virus.

Researchers are testing the genetically engineered molecules to find out if they live up to their design specifications.

HIV-1 infects cells of the immune system after sticking to a protein called CD4 on the surface of the cells. So researchers reason that CD4 molecules floating freely in the bloodstream can be used as decoys, diverting HIV particles and preventing them from infecting cells.

In a number of laboratories, researchers are investigating the use of free CD4 for therapy. The front runner at the moment appears to be Genentech Inc, of San Francisco, California, which is completing preliminary toxicity studies as the first phase of clinical trials.

But the problem with CD4 is that it lasts for only a very short time in the bloodstream before it is degraded, so that it may never reach a high enough concentration to be effective against the virus.

Daniel J. Capon, of Genentech, and his colleagues report an ingenious way of prolonging the life of CD4 in the February 9 issue of Nature: they attach CD4 to ordinary antibody molecules that have an active life of many hours or days. The new molecules, called immuno-adhesins, last as long as ordinary antibodies in the bloodstreams of laboratory rabbits. And test tube experiments show that they are highly effective in stopping HIV infect cells.

But whether they remain so effective throughout their long life is not certain. Antibodies are complex protein molecules that have, in essence, two parts. At one end is a "variable" region, made to attach specifically to particular foreign substances in the blood.

For example, vaccination against a disease such as tetanus prompts the immune system to make antibodies whose variable regions stick to tetanus bacteria and nothing else. But because of this, vaccination is not particularly effective against rapidly changing disease organisms such as HIV-1 or the common cold virus.

The other end of the antibody molecule has a more or less constant form, making the whole molecule rather like a multi-purpose screwdriver with one handle but a variety of possible heads, each one for a specific purpose. The antibody uses the "constant" region to attach itself to white blood cells that engulf and destroy foreign matter stuck to the variable region.

An immuno-adhesin has the same overall shape as an antibody, except that there is part of a CD4 molecule in place of the variable region. And because they are similar in shape, the immuno-adhesin molecule behaves rather like an antibody and lasts just as long in the body.

But it is not yet certain whether immuno-adhesins use their constant regions to help them present CD4-captured viruses to white blood cells for destruction, even though they are theoretically capable of this.

Henry Gee

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Birthdays today

Mr Norman Adams, painter and ceramic sculptor, 62; Mr Brian Bennett, Shadows' drummer, 49; Mr Ryland Davies, tenor, 46; Air Commandant B.M. Ducat-Amos, former director, RAF Nursing Service, 68; Lord Evans of Claughton, 61; Miss Mia Farrow, actress, 44; Dr Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 63; Mr Bernard Gallacher, golfer, 40; Dr George Guest, organist, 65; Mr Justice Johnson, 56; the Earl of Lindsay, 63; Mr Sandy Lyle, golfer, 30; Lord Pearce, 88; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, former comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office, 73; Professor S.E. Rasmussen, architect, 91; Mr Dean Rusk, former American Secretary of State, 80; Miss Janet Suzman, actress, 50; Mr Brian Wenham, former managing-director, BBC Radio, 52; Lord Williams of Elvel, 56.

Luncheons

Corporation of London

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh attended a luncheon given by the Corporation of London at Guildhall yesterday to mark the 800th anniversary of the mayoralty.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord President of the Council and Mrs Wakeham, the Lord Privy Seal, the High Commissioner for Cyprus and Mrs Panayides, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia and Mme Alnasseur, the Finnish Ambassador and Mrs Pastinen, the Spanish Ambassador and Senora de Puig de la Bellacasa, the High Commissioner for Grenada, the Hungarian Ambassador, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Duchess of Grafton, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord and Lady Callaghan of Cardiff, Lord and Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, Lord and Lady Elton, Lord and Lady Porsonby of Shulbrede, Lord and Lady Jakobovits.

Mr Edward Heath, MP, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Lady Richards, the Private Secretary to The Queen and Lady Heseltine, the Paymaster General, the Master of the Household and Lady Greening, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, the Chief of the Defence Staff and Lady Craig, Sir Geoffrey Finsberg, MP, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Lady Imbert, General Sir Richard and Lady Trant, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr M J and Lady Susan Hussey, Sir Ralph and Lady Perring, Sir Anthony and Lady Jolliffe, Mr and Mrs Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Mrs Hervey.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Flach, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, the Lord Mayor of York and Mrs Pulleyn, the Lord Provost of Glasgow and Mr Baird, the Lord Mayor of Belfast and Mrs Davids, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff and Mrs Herbert, the Lord Mayor of Newcastle upon Tyne and Mrs Webster, the Lord Mayor of Leeds and Mrs Volkens, the Lord Mayor of Manchester and Mr Conquest, Mrs D Gaves, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and Mrs Blumenthal, the Lord Mayor of Bradford and Mrs Midgely, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Mrs Stanley, the Lord Mayor of Bristol and Mrs Tedder, the Lord Mayor of Norwich and Mrs Bradford, the Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull and Mr Smyth, the Lord Mayor of Leicester and Miss Collis, the Lord Mayor of Nottingham and Miss Allitt, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and Mrs Hale, the Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent and Mrs Edwards, the Lord Mayor of Plymouth and Mrs Draper, the Lord Mayor of Oxford and Mr Comfort, the Lord Mayor of Swansea and Mrs Morgan, the Lord Mayor of Canterbury and Mrs Steele.

The Provost of Perth and Mrs Murray, the Mayors of Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston upon Thames, Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Havering, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Redbridge, Richmond upon Thames, Southwark, Sutton, Waltham Forest and Wandsworth and their escorts: representatives of the Masters and Prime Wardens of City Livery Companies and of City Institutions, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their ladies.

Labour Finance and Industry Group

Sir Sigmund Sternberg, Deputy Chairman, hosted a private luncheon at the Reform Club, Pall Mall, in honour of the return of Mr John Smith, QC, MP, to the House of Commons. Mr Smith was accompanied by Mrs Smith and among those attending were:

Lord Gregson, Chairman, Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, Mr and Mrs Roy Hattersley, Lord and Lady Cledwyn of Penrhos, Dr John Gilbert, MP, Mr Larry Whitty and the Hon Greville Janner, QC, MP.

Rotary Club of London

Mr Brian Somers, President of the Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Café Royal. Barones Platt of Writtle was the guest speaker.

Dinners

HM Government

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was host yesterday at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Vladimir Mikhailovich Kamentsev, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union.

Foundation for Science and Technology and Smallpeice Trust

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held in association with the Smallpeice Trust at the Royal Society last night. Professor Margaret Boden, Dr G.W. Robinson and Professor Tom Stonier also spoke. Among those present were:

The Earl of Bessborough, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Lord Aldington, Lord Butterworth, Lord Campbell of Croy, Field Marshal Lord Carver, Lord Charley, Lord Gregson, Lord Rankin, Lord Nelson of Stafford, Baroness Platt of Writtle, Lord Renwick, Baroness White, Sir Ronald Halstead, Sir Christopher Laidlaw, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Sir John Mason, Sir Alan Muir Wood, Sir Randolph Quirk, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Sir Trevor Skeet, MP.

Institute of Actuaries

Mr Roger Corley, President of the Institute of Actuaries, was host at a dinner held last night at Staple Inn. Baroness Trumpington also spoke.

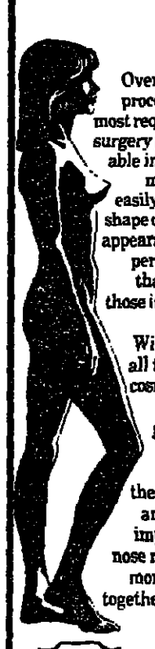
Service dinner

Oxford University Air Squadron

Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, Provost of Oriel College and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Chief of the Air Staff, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Oxford University Air Squadron held last night at their headquarters in Manor Road. Squadron Leader P.J. Lander, Commanding Officer, presided. The other guests included:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley Norris, Air Vice-Marshal R H Wood (AOC and Commandant, RAF College Cranwell), the Warden of New College, the Dean of Christ Church, the President of St John's College, the Principal of Jesus College, the Principal of Somerville, the Principal of St Anne's College and the Master of St Catherine's College.

Cosmetic Surgery



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Latest wills

Sir William Woolf Harris, of London NW8, property developer, left estate valued at £269,404 net.

Mrs Joan Margaret Lake, of Ringwood, Hampshire, left estate valued at £2,345,904 net. After various bequests, she left the residue equally between the Salvation Army and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Lady Molly Eveline Louise Mary Pile, of Buntingford, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £705,516 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mrs Valerie Alice Cooke, of Little Aston, Staffordshire..... £631,275.

Mr Frank Eayrs, of Offord Cluny, Cambridgeshire..... £907,732.

Mrs Dorothy Elliott, of Frinton on Sea, Essex..... £529,756.

Mrs Dymphna Mary Field, of Long Sutton, Somerset..... £552,992.

Mr Hugh Ian Gibson, of Britford, Salisbury, solicitor..... £381,801.

Miss Clarita Dickson Hatton, of Claygate, Surrey..... £904,685.

Mr David Lilliman, of Mapperley Park, Nottingham..... £618,069.

OBITUARIES

SIR DENIS TRUSCOTT

Printing in the City of London

Sir Denis Truscott, GBE, TD, President of the old-established City printing firm, Brown Knight & Truscott, died on February 4, at the age of 80. He was Lord Mayor of London in 1957-58, having been Sheriff of the City of London in 1951-52.

His working life was spent in the family printing firm which he joined in 1929 when it was Jas. Truscott & Son; he chaired the company from 1951 to 1966, by which time it had become – through amalgamations with William Brown and Charles Knight – Brown Knight & Truscott.

He also had several directorships in insurance, and was in addition a keen Territorial.

Denis Henry Truscott was born on July 9, 1908, and went to Rugby and Magdelene College Cambridge. In 1938 he was elected to the Court of Common Council of the City of London, thus maintaining a family tradition, in which a Truscott had represented the Dowgate ward – in which the Truscott firm had originally been founded in 1824, by an ancestor who had trudged from Truro to London – continuously for 100 years.

In 1938 Truscott also joined the 33rd St Pancras Anti-Aircraft Battalion, as a Sapper. He was called up briefly during the Munich crisis for duty in a searchlight unit. Recall came in the following year, and during the first part of the war he was stationed at RAF Debden, one of the most heavily attacked fighter stations during the Battle of Britain. Later he served on searchlights again, and ended the war in a radio-location detachment.

Subsequently he was Honorary Colonel of the 290th Field Regiment (City of London) Royal Artillery, TA.

Resuming his career with the family firm after the war he particularly interested himself in raising technical standards in printing, through his presidencies of the Printing and Allied Trades Research Association and of the Institute of Printing.

Another of his interests was the Automobile Association, of which he was Vice-Chairman, and he warned of the dangers of not properly planning the motoring future on Britain's already crowded roads, on several occasions. He was also an enthusiastic proponent of the AA's move from motor-cycle patrols to mini-vans in the early 1960s. He was deeply involved in numerous charitable works.

Truscott was a man noted amongst his peers for his sense of humour, especially when speaking in public. This stood him in good stead during his term as Lord Mayor.

He leaves his widow, Betty, and four daughters.

TONY WATTS

A cool head for yacht racing controversies

Mr Tony Watts, who died on February 5 at the age of 55, after a long battle against cancer, was a leading administrator in the world of yacht racing. His integrity and calm reasoning helped him to rise above controversy-ridden events like the America's Cup to become technical director of the International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU), the governing body of the sport.

Anthony Edward Watts trained as a civil engineer, graduating from London University. He took up sailing when he was 22 and, while still studying, built his first dinghy, a 12ft Fleetwind, from a kit of wooden parts.

He then moved on to a Merlin Rocket, and this popular dinghy class was to benefit from his influence for the next 25 years. His skills as a helmsman were average, but his engineering instincts made him a master of fast designs.

His first home-drawn "Watnot" boat pioneered an enduring trend for ultra-wide dinghies within the class, and for a period in the 1970s his designs reigned supreme in the hands of the Olympic silver medallist Alan Warren who won three national championships in Watts boats.

It was his love of dinghy sailing that led Watts to terminate a promising career in civil engineering to become chief measurer at the IYRU in 1971. To his friends, Watts's soft voice and mild manners seemed to make him ill-equipped to face the in-fighting, political intrigues and controversies that have always surrounded the post.

As it turned out, Watts's calm temperament proved to be his greatest asset, helping to bring order and logic back into arguments that had lost their reason. His expertise was often called upon to help adjudicate in matters of rule interpretations at the Olympics and other regattas.

The pressures on his judgements were, however, never greater than in the America's Cup. In 1980 he withstood considerable wrath from Americans for allowing the British to compete with a revolutionary bendy mast. Three years later, he was at the centre of the controversy surrounding the wing keel fitted to Alan Bond's winning yacht Australia II, and in Perth during the 1987 Cup races, he withstood severe flak again from the Americans for his refusal to outlaw New Zealand's glass fibre 12-metre yacht.

Thoughout these arguments, Watts's honesty placed him above reproach and the accusations of bias and prejudice that have felled less principled colleagues.

He leaves a widow and two children

PROFESSOR R. ALLEN BROWN

Drawing a moral from the study of the Middle Ages

Professor R. Allen Brown, distinguished historian of the Normans and of medieval military architecture, and a teacher at King's College, London, for 30 years, died on February 1, aged 65.

Allen Brown, born and brought up in Suffolk, was drawn to medieval history as an undergraduate at Oxford and served in the King's Dragoon Guards in the Mediterranean and the Middle East between 1943 and 1946. These war years in the desert brought him into contact with the Crusader past of the region, and provided him with the foundation for passionately held convictions about the nature of chivalry.

Suffolk and its countryside meant an immense amount to him; he lived as much of his life there as possible and organized the publication of the county's medieval charters.

For him the study of medieval history, and especially of knighthood, was not merely an intellectual discipline, but a moral training par excellence. The intensity with which Brown was involved in his subject inspired generations of undergraduates at King's – and that in an era when heroic mores were not, in general, held in much esteem among the young.

His special subject on the Norman Conquest, involving a testing visit to Normandy in mid-winter, was an enriching experience for all who took part in it. Inspiring too was his guidance of postgraduates. His seminars at the Institute of Historical Research in London attracted ever-growing numbers.

Brown's Oxford DPhil thesis was a study of medieval English castles, a subject which he made distinctively his own, in books, articles and official guides. His learning as an architectural historian was displayed at its fullest in the first two volumes of the History of the Medieval King's Works, for which he together with H. M. Colvin and A. J. Taylor was responsible.

The Normans were Brown's other main scholarly love. His views on the role of the Normans in English history were, characteristically, a matter of deep commitment for him.

He was the originator and organizer of the Battle Conferences on Anglo-Norman Studies. Since 1978 these have brought together every year scholars from the Continent and America as well as from Britain.

The proceedings were published annually under Brown's editorship. His European standing as a medievalist was recognised shortly before his death when France appointed him a Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

Brown was twice married. By the first marriage he leaves a son and a daughter, both medieval historians in their own right. He leaves a widow, Vivien, and a daughter of his second marriage.

RON FIELD

Dance director on Broadway

Ron Field, the Broadway choreographer who died on February 6 of brain lesions at the age of 55, was the man who conceived and staged what is generally reckoned to be the most spectacular opening ceremony ever devised for an Olympic Games – that in Los Angeles five years ago which involved several dozen pianists at keyboards all over the stadium.

But he was essentially a New Yorker, the first male dance student ever to enrol at the High School of Performing Arts in Manhattan later immortalised as the Fame school on film and television.

Starting out as a child actor with Gertrude Lawrence in the 1942 Lady in the Dark, Field progressed to chorus dancing in Kismet and Gentleman Prefer Blondes. He was taken up by the choreographer Jack Cole, who had a considerable influence on his subsequent career.

Field first made his name as Hal Prince's dance director on the original stage production of Cabaret in 1966. From there he went on to choreograph, again for Prince and the Kander-Ebb composing team, the musical of Zorba two years later and after that he graduated to being director and choreographer of the 1970 Applause, a Lauren Bacall musical version of All About Eve for which he won Tony Awards in both categories. He was also a noted director of cabaret acts and television specials.

He also directed and choreographed revivals of Peter Pan and On the Town, before going to work as Martin Scorsese's dance director on the film New York, New York with Robert de Niro and Liza Minnelli. More classically at City Centre, and again for Hal Prince, Field choreographed Ashmedai.

He was one of the last of a generation of great Broadway dance directors which has been decimated by sudden and premature death in the last two or three years.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H.L. Colchester
and Miss Z.N. Metcalfe

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the Rev and Mrs Halsey Colchester, of Oxford, and Zara, daughter of Mr David Metcalfe, of Wilton Street, London, and the late Mrs Alexandria Irene Metcalfe.

Mr J.J. O'Keeffe
and Miss A.M.G. Peplow

The engagement is announced between Jeremiah, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.J. O'Keeffe, of St Helier, Jersey, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.S. Peplow, of St Brelade, Jersey.

Mr J.N. Piette
and Miss E.F.M. Preston

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs I.R. Piette, of Wylam, Northumberland, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs S.D.N. Preston, of Matfield, Kent.

New recorders

The following have been appointed recorders, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit:

Miss L E Appleby, QC; Mr P W Birts; Mr D K Brown; Mr A de P J M Bueno; Mr J Q Campbell; Mr P H Collins; Mr A Coonar; Mr M J Curwen; Mr D T A Davies; Mr M Dean, QC; Mr J E Dewhurst; Mr A D Dinkin; Mr P M Ferris, QC; Miss D A Freedman; Mr N T Hague, QC; Miss H C Hallett; Mr M G W Harrison, QC; Mrs B M Hopwell; Mr R E Jack, QC; Mr M L Kallgeris; Mr P St J H Langan, QC; Captain J S R Lansdon, RN; Mr A Q Longden; Mr P G Lovell-Pank; Mr G W Lowther; Mr T Maher; Mrs N F Negus; Mr S J L Oliver, QC; Mr M A Oppenheimer; Mr J F Parker, QC; Mr R M Purchas, QC; Mr D K Rafter, QC; Mr J H D Roberts; Mr K S Rokison, QC; Mr P F Singer; Mr T M F Stow.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr S. R. Davie to be Principal Establishment and Finance Officer of the Cabinet Office from February 27, in succession to Mr J. W. Stevens.

Mr Graham Mather to be a part-time member of the Monopolies and Merger Commission for three years.

Polytechnic news

Middlesex

Middlesex Polytechnic's Flood Hazard Research Centre has been awarded eight new grants totalling £113,000. The largest is a £93,000 grant from Thames Water for the Windsor to Teddington Strategic Flood Initiative, which will examine the non-tidal flood problems between Windsor and Teddington and assess the economic benefits of flood alleviation.

The polytechnic's Planning Research Centre has been awarded a £42,000 grant from the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) to fund a two-year project to examine how small firms have adjusted to changes in the economy.

Dr David North, principal lecturer in geography and planning at the polytechnic, will work on the project with Dr Roger Leigh, reader in geography and planning, and senior lecturer David Smallbone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

But I will sing about your strength: every morning I will sing aloud of your constant love.
Psalm 59:16

BIRTHS

ARBUTHNOTT - On February 4th in Dundee to Lindsay (née Sillars) and Charles, a son, Magnus Malcolm James.

BIZOS - On January 22nd, in Johannesburg to Anna (née Gordon) and Damon, a son Nicholas George John.

CAMPBELL-WHITE - On February 4th, at Kingston Hospital, to Carole Anne (née Lane) and John Anthony, a son, Justyn Richard, born at 5.10 am, with blond hair & blue eyes, weighing 8lbs 1½ ounces & 20½ inches long. John (the owner of Patrick's Toys and Models, Fulham) donated large soft toys to each child born over the weekend in Kingston and West London Hospitals.

CAMPBELL-WHITE - On February 4th 1988 at Kingston Hospital to Carole Anne (née Lane) and John Anthony, a son, Justyn Richard.

COOKE - On February 8th, to Christine (née Hind) and Peter, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth.

daCOSTA - On February 5th to Loraine (née Crocker) and Michael, a son, Alexander, a brother for Daniel.

EDWARDS - On February 6th at 11.00 pm at St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Jacqueline (née Green) and Steve, a lovely daughter, Catherine Denise, a sister for Claire.

FALLON - On February 6th to Wendy (née Payne) and Michael, a son, Peter Martin.

GRANT - On February 2nd, in Brunei, to Fiona (née Sheffield) and Jeremy, a son, Rupert George Foster.

LAW - On February 8th in Hong Kong to Maggie and Rob a daughter Tessa Naomi, sister for Victoria and Simon.

MASON - On January 30th, at the West London Hospital to Dominique and Martin, a son Alexander.

NABALOGA - On January 31st, Princess Nabaloga, a daughter to Prince Golooba and Lady Mariana.

PRITCHETT - On Tuesday, February 7th, 1989 at Shirley Oaks, to Linda and Mark, a daughter, Kathryn Charlotte Carr.

ROGERS - On February 5th to Louise (née Jepson Turner) and Charles, a son.

TALON DARKENS - On February 7th 1989, to Genevieve and Chris a daughter, Juliet Louise Florence.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On February 5th, peacefully in Wimbledon, Miss Marjorie Reid in her 99th year. Daughter of the late Reverend Canon H.S.F. Adams, sister of Mrs J.M. Brown. Private Cremation.

BAIRD-MURRAY - On February 5th 1989, peacefully at Llandrindod Wells Hospital, Douglas, father of David and Miles. Private cremation. Donations if desired to the Llandrindod Wells Hospital Appeal.

BIRCH - On February 7th peacefully and with dignity at home, Gordon Kenneth, Wing Commander (Retired) aged 72. Beloved husband of Vikki, much loved father of Rikki and Hansi and grandfather of Christopher, Thomas, Katy, Georgina and Timothy, and dear brother of Betty and Uncle of Toni. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday February 15th at 10.30am. Family flowers only donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, W1.

DIGGLE - On February 8th 1989, peacefully at home, Evelyn May aged 91, widow of Lieutenant Colonel L.W. Diggle. Family funeral. Memorial Service at 3.30pm on Thursday, February 23rd at St. Leonards Church, Old Warden.

FAIRE - On February 8th, 1989 in Bath. Rosemary Margaret (née Harris) wife of Peter, mother of Nick, Henry and Selina. Funeral Private.

GAME - On February 4th, in Melbourne, Australia, Doctor Margaret Winifred Helen (née Smith), dearest sister of Sydney and Norman. Will be sorely missed by all her relatives and many friends in England.

GARDNER - On February 6th at home in Wye, Eileen Daisy, widow of Charles Cecil of Aldington, Kent. Cremation at Charing. 4pm Friday 10th February. No flowers please, but donations if desired to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset. BN15 1HZ.

HOBBS - On February 7th, peacefully at his home in Norfolk, Roy Nelson (Formerly Inspector in The Metropolitan Police). Dearly loved husband of Sheila, Mary and loving father of Sheila. Funeral Service at the City Of Norwich (Earlham) Crematorium, on Monday February 13th, at 3.00 pm.

HOPPER - On February 6th, Valerie Beauclerk, aged 91. Very dearly loved wife of Captain Humfrey Hopper, D.S.O. Royal Navy, loving mother of John and Eliza Sweeting, and loved grandmother and great grandmother. Private funeral. Thanksgiving Service St Michaels, Chester Square, Tuesday 21st February at 11.30. No mourning.

JACKSON - On February 6th, after a long illness bravely borne. Noll Charles. Dearly loved husband of Eleanor, and father of Peter and Matthew. Funeral at Burghfield Church on Monday February 13th at 11.45 a.m. Family flowers only.

JONES - On February 7th, at RNH Haslar Gosport, Owen Herbert, late Director of Beasley French Company Limited, Bristol. A Loving Father, Grandfather and Brother. Funeral service at Porchester Crematorium, on Monday, February 13th at 1.30

KIRBY - On February 7th, peacefully at home, in her 70th year, Erica Margaret (née Jackson). Loving wife of the late Charles. Mother of Michael and Anthony and grandmother. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Danehill, Sussex, 11.15 am, Monday February 13th, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Francis Chappell, 13 South Rd., Haywards Heath, or donations to Cancer Research Campaign, c/o Francis Chappell.

LUCKHAM - On February 7th suddenly in hospital, Cyril Alexander Garland aged 81 years. Beloved husband of Violet and loving father of Robert, Margaret and Duncan. Cremation private. Thanksgiving service at St. Jude's, Hampstead Garden Suburb at 2.30pm on Thursday February 23rd. Instead of flowers donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, 41 Eagle Street, WC1 would be appreciated.

LYE - On February 6th, peacefully at St Helena Hospice, Colchester, after a long courageous battle, Jacqueline, beloved wife of Ian, devoted mother of Francoise and Catherine. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Thorpe Le Soken, Essex, on Friday February 10th at 11 am. Please no flowers, donations to the Hospice or Imperial Cancer Research Fund, c/o W.H. Shepard, 93/94 high Street, Colchester.

MAGINN - On February 7th peacefully, Joyce Maginn, aged 91 years, lately of Ogle, Northumberland, beloved wife of the late William, dearest mother of Bridget, Mary, Jennifer and the late John. Service at Whalton Parish Church on Friday February 10th at 3.30 pm followed by interment in the churchyard.

POOLE - On February 4th 1989, peacefully in hospital, Alfred Raymond Poole D.S.O., D.F.C., A.E., formerly R. Aux. A.F., aged 72. Beloved son of late Alfred and Kate Poole of Liverpool. Dear brother of Kathleen Poole and twin of Beatrice Charnley of Prestatyn and partner and dear friend for over 25 years of Stephen Frederick Saggers. Funeral service at All Saints, Brill, 12.00 noon Wednesday February 15th, followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only; donations in lieu to Patients Comfort Fund (CADE unit), P.M., R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Bucks.

RAMSDEN - On January 31st, Walter Maurice MD, MRCP, aged 90, peacefully. Cremation was held privately.

RING - On February 2nd 1989 in a Bournemouth Nursing Home Marie Edith Muriel Ring BSc.(Hons) formerley of Hong Kong widow of Julius Ring (Rating and Valuation Commissioner Colonial Service). Service and interment was held at Bournemouth North Cemetery on Wednesday February 8th.

ROSKELL - On February 6th 1989 at home, after a long illness bravely borne, Evelyn, the beloved wife of John, devoted mother of Edmund, Sarah and Michael and grandmother of Matthew. Funeral Service at Cheadle Parish Church, Cheshire on Tuesday February 14th at 1.15pm followed by private cremation at Stockport Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Withington Hospital, Nell Lane, Manchester 20. Enquiries to Jonathan Alcock and Sons Ltd, Brook Rd, Cheadle. Tel: 061-428 2097.

SMITH - On February 7th 1989, peacefully, Archibald William Anthony (Billy), dearest husband of Maltse. Funeral at St Peter's, Wymondham on Monday, February 13th at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations to St Peter's Church.

VAUTIER - On February 7th 1989, Marion Anne, peacefully in Christchurch, Dorset. Much loved wife of the late John N. Vautier. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday February 14th 1989 at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for UNISEF may be sent to Moodys Funeral Directors, 405 Lymington Road, Highcliffe-On-Sea, Dorset.

WALLACE - On February 8th 1989, peacefully at his home in Hale, Cheshire, Brian Adair, the beloved husband of Mary and dearly loved father of Sarah, Ruth, Ann, David and Janet. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Hale Barns, on Tuesday February 14th at 2.15pm prior to committal at the Altrincham Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The New Heart, New Start Appeal, Wythenshawe Hospital maybe sent to Messrs. John G. Ashton & Co., Church Street, Altrincham, Cheshire. Tel 061 928 7816.

WATKINS - On February 8th, Irmgard. Funeral 2.00pm, February 13th at Catholic Church, Hitchin. No flowers. Donations to North Herts Hospice, 13 Priory Way, Hitchin.

WISEMAN - On February 2nd in South Africa, the Reverend Father John Joseph Wiseman MA, SDB, aged 83. Formerly Headmaster, Thornleigh College, Bolton.

WOOLL - On 6th February 1989, Anthony Edward, suddenly, at 5 Hastings Avenue, Savoy Estate, Johannesburg.

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GREEN - The cremation of Dr. Harry Green and Mrs Kate Green took place on 31 January at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

JUKES - There will be a Memorial Service for Professor Michael G M Jukes MA BSc DM Professor of Veterinary Physiology and Vice-Principal (Camden) of The Royal Veterinary College, University of London, on Friday 10 March 1989 at 2.30pm in St Pancras Old Church, Pancras Road, London NW1. Professor David Lodge BVSc DVA phD MRCVS will deliver the Memorial Address.

RADFORD - A Memorial Service for the life of Brigadier John Radford OBE, late North Staffordshire Regiment, will be held at St Andrew's Church, Fontmell Magna, near Shaftesbury, Dorset, on Thursday March 9th at 2.30pm.

STILLMAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Chauncey Devereux Stillman, will be held at Farm Street Church W1. on Thursday March 2nd at 12.00am.

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Dated this 2nd day of February 1989
C Rosenberg - Director

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Church news

Appointments

Canon John Armson, Principal, Edinburgh Theological College, diocese Edinburgh: to be Canon Residentiary, Rochester Cathedral, diocese Rochester.

The Rev Michael Ballard, Vicar, St Laurence and All Saints, Eastwood, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-residentiary canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev John Barrett, Team Vicar, Dovercourt and Parkeston Team Ministry, diocese Chelmsford: to be Vicar, Saint Chad, Rubery, diocese Birmingham.

The Rev Roy Bushell, Assistant Curate, St Oswald Netherton, diocese Liverpool: to be Rector, Emmanuel, Newton-in-Makerfield, same diocese.

The Rev Robert Coates, Assistant Curate, Deal, St Leonard with St Richard and Sholden St Nicholas, diocese Canterbury: to be Vicar, All Saints, Loose, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Cole, Vicar, All Saints, Woodford Wells, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev John Cotton, Priest-in-Charge, Eyke with Bromeswell, Rendlesham, Tunstall and Wantisden, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be *also* Priest-in-Charge, Alderton with Ramsholt and Bawdsey, same diocese.

The Rev Geoffrey Cox, Vicar, Hucclecote, diocese Gloucester: to be Vicar, Wollaston with Strixton, diocese Peterborough.

The Rev Paul Dawson, Assistant Curate, Holy Spirit, Dovecot, diocese Liverpool: to be Priest-in-Charge, St Philip Westbrook, same diocese.

The Rev Paul Deeming, Rector, East and West Horndon with Little Warley, diocese Chelmsford: to be Vicar, Great Ilford, St Andrew, same diocese.

Canon Arthur Dunlop, Vicar, Maldon, All Saints with St Peter, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* Rural Dean of Maldon and Dengie, same diocese.

The Rev Michael Eden, Assistant Curate, Daventry, diocese Peterborough: to be Team Vicar, Emmanuel, Northampton, with pastoral responsibility for the parishes of Mears Ashby and Hardwick, same diocese.

The Rev Nicholas Farbridge, Vicar, St Paul, Addlestone, diocese Guildford: to be Rector, St James, Shere, same diocese.

Canon Christopher Frey, Chaplain, Casterton School, Kirkby, diocese Carlisle: to be Co-Chaplain and Head of Religious Studies, Epsom College, Epsom, diocese Guildford.

The Rev Peter Goode, Vicar, Warley, Christ Church, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* Rural Dean of Brentwood, same diocese.

The Rev Trevor Green, Curate, Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Stalybridge, diocese Chester: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity and Christ Church, Stalybridge, same diocese.

The Rev Richard Handscombe, Rector: St Andrew Fingringhoe with St Lawrence East Donyland, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Edward Houston, Parish Presbyter, Church of the Epiphany and St Patrick, Kamdana, diocese of Chota Nagpur, India: to be Rector, Whittlebury with Paulerspury, diocese Peterborough.

The Rev Norman Howes, Vicar, Wellesbourne, and Rector, Walton D'Eivile, and Rural Dean of the Fosse Deanery, diocese Coventry: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Gillian King, Parish Deacon, St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park w. St Michael and All Angels, Knighton, diocese Leicester: to be Community Health Chaplain (Kingston and Esher Health Authority), at Tolworth Hospital, diocese Southwark.

The Rev Andrew Martlew, Vicar, Golcar, diocese Wakefield: to be Schools Officer, diocese Wakefield Education Department.

The Rev Peter J Mason, Rector, St Mary, Shenfield, diocese Chelmsford: to be *also* a non-residentiary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev David F Pennant, Assistant Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Bramcote, diocese Southwell: to be Assistant Curate, Woking, St John, and Priest-in-charge, St Saviours, Brookwood, and Emmanuel, Mayford, diocese Guildford.

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Church in Wales

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THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Apeing reality

Monkey business was given a human face last night on television. *QED* (BBC 1) went to the United States to interview Dr Robert White, the surgeon who got almost as bad a press as Dr Frankenstein when he transplanted a monkey's head on to another's body. White turned out to be a devout, traditional Roman Catholic who advises the Vatican about brain death and the Soviet Union about keeping it ticking.

He certainly practises what he preaches when it comes to his strong belief in human life: he has fathered 10 children and is quite prepared to extend the life of hopeless cases, such as babies with no brain. Monkeys with brains may be less lucky.

Though John DeLorean certainly made a baboon of the British Government, the FBI a howler of DeLorean and a jury a chimp of its celebrated video-recorded narcotic dealing case against him, the monkeys in *Monkeys* (BBC 2), a dramatization of the set-up, by the Irish poet Paul Muldoon, referred in fact to drugs. Basing his drama on the bugged conversations, Muldoon intriguingly accentuated the verbal intricacies and rhythms of bluffing a bluffer and stinging a stinger, rather than clear explanation of the action — DeLorean's dealings with the IRA were almost casually thrown into the conversation.

The director Danny Boyle made much use of the dominant visual leitmotiv of the saga, not the gull-wing car doors but the coiffure as pure as the driven (or dealt) snow, represented by a bouffant wig on Manning Redwood's head.

***Flying Squad* (ITV), the latest police fly-on-the-wall documentary, proved yet again that, when it comes to simian imitation, your average British bank robber is no gorilla — one was aesthetically gaunt, the other a baby-faced tubby. Though it contained some fascinating footage, the programme was too short — the quick cutting, imposingly sonorous tones of the narrator, and the direct interviews with this new breed of camera-confidence policeman, prevented that slow build-up of atmosphere which in similar documentaries has passed so well for reality.**

Such programmes invite the question: "What would have been different if the cameras had not been there?" The Flying Squad do not tell prospective victims of tip-offs in case they change their performances. DeLorean's "reconstructed" speech is in a way more real because he did not know he was recorded.

Andrew Hislop

Geoff Brown finds a folk tale of the 1920s more compelling than films with a contemporary setting

Red in tooth and claw

No prizes for guessing the dominant colour in **Red Sorghum**. There is red everywhere in this powerful Chinese film: red clothing, red blood, pots of red wine distilled from the fields of red sorghum waving in the wind. The director's gift for propelling his story through startling images should come as no surprise: Zhang Yimou worked as cameraman on *Yellow Earth* and *The Big Parade*, two of the most acclaimed recent Chinese films. *Red Sorghum*, his directing début, snatched the main prize, the Golden Bear, at last year's Berlin Film Festival.

The story is the stuff of folk legend. In the late 1920s, a young bride is saved from rape *en route* to her marriage to a leprous distillery owner. The husband disappears; she takes charge of the business, and the peasant who saved her from attack becomes her new partner. In a fit of bile he urinates over a wine consignment, which vastly improves its taste. Time passes. The Japanese invade and disrupt the boisterous idyll, forcing workers to watch one of their number skinned alive. (Luckily for us, the flaying occurs off-screen.) Our plucky heroine joins the locals in organizing reprisals.

Zhang Yimou and his cameraman know exactly how to marry figures and landscapes for dramatic effect. Throughout, the local culture is boldly etched. One bizarre scene documents the bride's traditional bumpy sedan carriage ride to her groom (with the carriers *singing about head lice, if you please*). Another explores the gloomy carnage of a butcher's shop — headquarters of the local bandit. This is film-making of raw power and beauty; even if red is not your favourite colour, you should not miss *Red Sorghum*.

Sometimes it seems Hollywood has forgotten that adult audiences ever existed. Yet there are people over 25 who still venture into cinemas, and these are the targeted market for **The Good Mother**. People, in fact, like Diane Keaton's heroine, Anna Dunlap — a shy Massachusetts piano teacher with a young daughter, recently divorced from an unexciting marriage, now getting her second wind, thanks to a passionate affair with a bohemian sculptor.

Anna's Sixties upbringing taught her to loosen old taboos. But when she puts her beliefs into practice in the late 80s, society slaps her wrists: after hearing of the couple's free and easy ways, Anna's ex-husband sues for custody of their daughter. It all ends in court, and in tears.

This is Best Actress Oscar territory, of course. At times Keaton tries far too hard, toppling into the garbled rage that made *Shoot the Moon* such a trial. But the central relationship with her fiery new flame (charismatically played by Liam Neeson) is sensitively charted.

The director is Leonard Nimoy, striding up-market after the brash farce of *Three Men and a Baby*. His four-square style does nothing for the script's bumps and crevices, but at least the actors have room to breathe. Audiences well past 25 should take extra pleasure from seeing Teresa Wright and Ralph Bellamy (now a hale and hearty 84) as the heroine's grandparents.

Chinese culture features again in **Soursweet**, adapted by director Mike Newell and writer Ian McEwan, from Timothy Mo's novel about an immigrant family's mixed fortunes in London and the long shadows of the Chinese underworld. Technically, this is a fine piece of work. The scene-setting is bold and flamboyant, from the fireworks-strewn Hong Kong wedding to the bustling London restaurant where the milksop husband (*Danny Dun*) works as a waiter, and the dismal wasteland where the family hide when the Chinatown gang turn on the heat.

Once the scenes are set, however, trouble starts. The husband's passivity stretches credulity; the gang warfare is difficult to follow; and the establishment of a Chinese takeaway in a desolate area with no discernible housing injects an unhelpful element of whimsy. For all the moments of family anguish and insights into the perils of cultural absorption, the film remains obstinately unbelievable.

Want to see a Japanese fighting fish biting off part of Leslie Nielsen's nose? Then make fast tracks for **The Naked Gun** — the latest knockabout comedy from spoof specialists Jerry Zucker, Jim Abrahams and David Zucker (ZAZ for short), best-known for ridiculing the *Airport* movies in *Airplane!* The target now is cop thrillers; Nielsen plays an accident-prone Los Angeles lieutenant out to foil a terrorist attack on the Queen.

ZAZ derived the material from their own *Police Squad!*, a short-lived TV series from 1982; and the scattershot humour would definitely play better in half-hour chunks, minus narrative padding. But there is still much raucous amusement on offer, and Nielsen has a fine time extracting comedy from his famously stiff acting style.

Slipstream is a British-made fantasy set in the years after the "Convergence" — a momentous natural revolution which reduced the world to rocks and roaring winds. Two hardened law officers fly through this bleak landscape (thank you, the Yorkshire Dales and Turkey) tracking a mysterious kidnapped prisoner.

Elmer Bernstein's music thunders away as though this was some *Star Wars* spectacular; the film, indeed, is the brainchild of *Star Wars* producer Gary Kurtz, and uses one of its stars, Mark Hamill, alongside Bob Peck and Eleanor David. But there the comparison ends: the plot is muddled, and the visual effects lack all magic. There should be little call for *The Slipstream Strikes Back*.

Screenwriter Lloyd Fonvielle makes a modest directorial bow in **The Dead Can't Lie**, a shoestring thriller aimed in America at cable television. Tommy Lee Jones is the down-at-heel private eye hired by a wealthy financier to prevent harassment from the ghost of his greedy wife (Virginia Madsen). The visual texture is on the thin side, but Fonvielle has a nice line in Forties-style wisecracks, and the spooky story lingers in the mind.

Nothing much lingers in **Short Circuit 2**. The parent film was a sizeable hit in 1986; the sequel features the same talking robot, at large among big city hustlers and crooks. This time round, the charm and good jokes are in painfully short supply.

CINEMA

Red Sorghum (15)
Screen on the Hill

The Good Mother (15)
Odeon Haymarket

Soursweet (15)
Curzon West End

The Naked Gun (15)
Empire

Slipstream (PG)
Odeon Leicester Square

The Dead Can't Lie (15)
Cannon Haymarket

Short Circuit 2 (PG)
Cannon Haymarket

Plucky heroine: Gong Li plays the bride-turned-brewer in Zhang Yimou's *Red Sorghum*

OPERA

More muddled than magical

Die Zauberflöte
Royal College of Music

The last thing this *Flute* can claim to be is magic. David Edwards, directing, has provided the Royal College with a *Zauberflöte* which relies exhaustively, and exhaustingly, on the visual impediments of the Enlightenment; yet it is a production in which the sleep of reason is all too deep.

A single, stark neo-classical set (a Sir John Soane exterior for Act I, the inside of something like the Greenwich observatory for Act II) is the backdrop for two major miscalculations in stagecraft. There is a constant flurry of workmen, in every spare moment including the overture, apparently preparing for an archaeological exhibition overseen by Prince Tamino. And, as they are hyperactive, so every significant entrance and exit is blunted into near-insignificance.

It is a wonder that Tamino's cries for help are not totally ignored when the entire beast incident is static compared with the bustle that has gone before. Moreover, the beast himself is a stately Egyptian snake-god, who appears later to take Papageno off just before the Isis and Osiris chorus.

The fact that Monostatos's dastardly crew are quite obviously exactly the same onlooking trusty 18th-century townsfolk as Sarastro's band, is obviously part of the deeper significance of this director's Manichaean thesis.

Whatever that thesis is, it does not work in either dramatic or musical terms and this, for a cast of aspiring young professionals, is a heavy responsibility to abdicate. Papageno (Edward Hatton) yawns his way in and sulks his way through the show like a morose Leporello; the Queen of Night (Jillian Arthur) has a good line in flounce and a fair command of her testing coloratura, but is given little chance for true enchantment.

Under the tutelage of Mao Mao Sun's Sarastro (his voice does not, as yet, quite live up to his name), Tamino and Pamina surface through their trials, not the least of which was David Maxwell Anderson's throat infection. Behind it, though, is a robust and authoritative tenor as well as a highly intelligent musician: encouraged by James Lockhart's sturdy support from the pit, his presence made the evening almost worthwhile.

Hilary Finch

Bitter-sweet sensuality

Teresa
Petit Montparnasse

THEATRE

An exhilarating Campari and champagne cocktail, with the kick of a pair of satin mules, this new Franco-Italian production of Natalia Ginzburg's crow-black comedy, *Teresa*, bodes well for 1992. Giorgio Ferrara directs his Italian compatriot Adriana Asti in the title role, and a commendable French supporting cast. It is European cultural cross-fertilization at its best.

Michel Arnaud's French adaptation reconstructs the original dialogue with such linguistic agility it almost sounds like Italian — a trick of the ear aided by Asti's delicious accent. With an economy of effects, Mario Garbuglia's design convincingly re-creates the bourgeois sleaze of Rome, within the intimate confines of the Petit Montparnasse.

Elena, a primly pretty young student, answers the small ad of the once voluptuous, now blousy, Teresa, who offers a room in exchange for company. Teresa unburdens her bitter-sweet past (abandoned child to failed cinema starlet) to the receptive Elena. It becomes clear that Teresa is pathetically still in love with Lorenzo, her long-estranged husband. The boyish, handsomely seductive Lorenzo's reappearance leads towards a vicious triangle, finally shattered by a fatal pistol shot.

A solidly constructed play, it has plenty of astute observation in the verbal cladding, and the biting humour — wittily brought out by Ferrara's nimble direction — is shot through with withering one-liners. Premiered in London in 1968, directed by Laurence Olivier with Joan Plowright as Teresa, it was not performed in Italy until 1969, with Asti as Teresa and Luchino Visconti directing.

Twenty years on, in a career in which she became Strehler and Visconti's favourite leading lady, Asti returns to the role with a sensual maturity that polishes the character's excessive theatricality till it dazzles with excellence. *Teresa* is a dramatic minefield. A step too much towards the burlesque, the gratuitous leg-show and the whole play changes tone, loses its subtlety and its cerebral searing power. Asti does not put a foot wrong.

But, while she deservedly holds the audience under her spell, with the shrug of a casually bared shoulder, the curl of a pathos-lined lip, she wisely never eclipses the other excellent characterizations. Jeanne Marine's apple-cheeked innocent victim Elena, Didier Flamand's careless heart-stealer Lorenzo and Jacques Pozzallo's delivery boy are the canvas upon which Teresa paints her life, past and present, with devastating results.

Diane Hill

SOPHIE STEINBERGER/ENSUERAND

Dazzling: Adriana Asti in the title role of Natalia Ginzburg's *Teresa*

Too calculated

Andromaque
T.N.P. Villeurbanne
(Lyons suburb) — 1

The tragedy of Roger Planchon's polished production of *Andromaque* by Jean Racine is that it lacks tragedy. Racine's dazzling dialogue vibrates the ear drums with poetic red-blooded verve, telling of 17th-century French royal carnal cravings and polluted politics — thinly concealed within the literary contours of Greek mythology. Planchon's immaculate direction, while taking its lead from the aversion of Racine's day to theatrical excess, frustratingly fails to make the gutsy scenario reverberate. In the light of the bicentenary of the Revolution, Planchon's interpretation also plays up the corruptive influence of royalist power games.

Framed within Ezio Frigerio's overpowering, grey Gothic acropolis design, the characters act out their respective *Angsts with* dispassionate perfection. This constrained competence makes it nigh impossible for an audience to come to emotional grips with Andromaque's dilemma, when Pyrrhus trades marriage against the life of her infant son, or with Hermione's demented rage, which drives her to wreak revenge on Pyrrhus via the sword of her erstwhile lover Oreste, only to rebuff the latter cruelly when he carries out the deadly deed.

Richard Berry's Oreste breaks, alone, through Planchon's clean, clipped, passionless precision, to show the contorted features and physical agony of a man whose love has ripped reason from his soul. Berry imbues the role with a 20th-century nervousness, that savagely enhances the work's classical literary refinement. His lusty performance nevertheless disturbs the production's equilibrium, particularly in opposition to Christine Boisson's flimsy Andromaque, André Marcon's stilted Pyrrhus and Mion-Miou's flighty Hermione.

Physically, Planchon's casting does, however, clearly accentuate Racine's implied intention to portray Andromaque and Hermione as creatures of no real substance, manipulated and motivated from outside rather than from within. The rose-petal fragility of Miou-Miou adds an intriguing new dimension to Hermione's foot-stamping contrariness.

Honing the action down to a finely drawn, minimalist geometry nevertheless has the effect of placing the literary genius of Racine on the equivalent of a silver platter. Unlike Planchon's recent productions of Molière's *L'Avare* and *George Dandin*, whose bouncy re-interpretation and contentious dickering with the dialogue ruffled traditionalists but delighted the populace, here, the text is as Racine wrote it and its presentation eminently respectful and decidedly scholarly.

Planchon, who inherited the mantle of the National Populaire from Jean Vilar, says: "I admire Racine but my heart is on the side of Molière." The sentiment is borne out in this exemplary, but cold-blooded *Andromaque*.

The limited season at Villeurbanne has been extended, while the monumental proportions of the set are hampering the search for a theatre in Paris able to house the production.

D.H.

TOMORROW

Karen Donovan: John Percival on a new ballet star

Premature outing is painful

Island Life
Drill Hall

Jenny McLeod is a youngish writer whose first play, *Cricket At Camp David*, won a competition at Nottingham Playhouse. Monstrous Regiment commissioned this new play and does the author no service in putting it on the stage instead of telling her to go away and tighten its slow dialogue, deepen its content, build to her climaxes, sort out the exits and think up an ending. They might consider another director.

Her play takes a glimpse at the sad delusions of age, by focusing jerkily on three elderly residents of an old people's home left to their own devices over a bank holiday weekend. Sophia is cantankerous and confined to a wheelchair; Vera boasts of her ways with men; Emmy, Jamaica-born, is unendurably sweet-natured.

Emmy also likes to think her daughter is about to drop in for tea. A younger West Indian, brought in to the story by some insultingly feeble plotting, is amazed to learn that this daughter's visit is make-believe. "I don't understand", she gasps, or would gasp if the actress (Irma Inniss) had been encouraged to vary her performance from its uniform numbness. At the best of times the story crawls along, but it comes to a halt during Irma's pauses for irrelevant emphasis.

Stella Tanner's Vera over-projects, dishing out smiles wider than her small audience on stage can justify, as if modelling herself on Kenneth Williams. Joan Hooley wanders about being placid. Joanna Field has her moments as the waspish old maid, and the exploitation of the absent daughter, as a trump for securing friendship, offers some potential, though McLeod wastes the opportunity.

Sometimes Jane Collins, the director, whose understanding of body language seems particularly poor, makes the cast take up positions at corners of the ramps around the stage where they stare fixedly ahead, frightening us with the threat of lurching into synchronized monologues.

Spirits are further lowered by the Forties songs played during the interval, doleful ballads of the sort sung by Dinah Shore when feeling particularly miserable. A dreadful evening.

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BOOKS

Peter Ackroyd reviews a notion that Rudyard was a genius because he never ceased from Kipling

RUDYARD KIPLING
By Martin Seymour-Smith
Macdonald/Queen Anne, £16.95.

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

More to art than sex

It is the contention of this contentious but entertaining book that Rudyard Kipling, poet of Empire and story-teller of genius, was a repressed homosexual whose most important work comes out of his struggles with that suppressed or unacknowledged orientation. We all know about his dark side – in fact it is one of the most interesting things about him – but Martin Seymour-Smith now gives it a name. It was this homosexuality that encouraged both his intimacy with chaos and his hysterical attachment to the "Law"; it was responsible both for his emotional imbalance and his hysterical prejudices; to put it crudely, he was in love with the British Empire because he fancied British soldiers.

There are many objections to this, principal among them being the fact there is no real evidence for it – no secret code in his diaries, no lavatory exploits, no old queen's reminiscences of "dear Ruddy". It remains pure surmise; and in fact Martin Seymour-Smith can only support his theory by the ingenious but forced linkage of circumstantial evidence (already, of course, it is beginning to sound like some kind of crime). But even if we accept Martin Seymour-Smith's word for it, surely it is still wrong to conclude that repression in itself is necessarily harmful. Yet here it becomes the sole proper explanation for his "inhumane statements" and his "cruelty". Indirectly, and no doubt unconsciously, Mr Seymour-Smith is in fact reviving all the old prejudices against homosexuals under a different banner – now it is repressed homosexuals who are being given a bad name. But sexual repression, far from being one of the most significant of Kipling's problem, might in fact have been the solution. If he had not been repressed he might not have become a great writer.

But all this of course is to beg the question – the question itself being the extent to which any kind of sexuality is the principle motor of human conduct and human expression. Certainly Kipling cannot have been a repressed heterosexual, since he was happily married; but the serious point is that his sexual orientation may be of no real importance. Yet in order to pursue certainty where no certainty exists, and to find evidence where none can be found, Mr Seymour-Smith takes no account of such matters, and in the process, becomes too resolutely single-minded. His is an intriguing story, but it may have no real connection with Kipling's life.

Of course not all of the book suffers from this over-determination. Martin Seymour-Smith is an intelligent writer who approaches the usual myths about Kipling with a scepticism not generally to be found in biographers. The basic facts remain the same as any in a shilling life – the Anglo-Indian infancy, the abandonment in a Southsea lodging house, the journalism, the return to Britain, and the rapid achievement of that great fame that was never entirely to leave him. Then there is the story of the recluse who lost his son in the war, the secretive man who was guarded by his wife. In this sense *Rudyard Kipling* offers a convincing portrait of a well-protected, smart, sarcastic, and somewhat bitter man who was able to project an image of himself as an "outcast" and "rebel" even as he became a guardian of the imperial tradition.

In fact we are confronted throughout this long and detailed biography with a series of paradoxes – Kipling was both an authoritarian and a subversive, an upholder of the imperial creed while half in love with the darkness which that creed attempted to suppress, both gaoler and prisoner, a man who lacked "kindness of heart" but who turned himself into a "universal uncle", a genius whose actual philosophy was "cruel, unworthy, and impractical", an egocentric with a powerfully sympathetic imagination. Given this list of opposites being yoked violently together, is it not also possible that he was both homosexual *and* heterosexual – and that this quite common ambivalence is one of the least interesting things about a writer who made expert use of much greater internal conflicts?

That is why Seymour-Smith is more interesting, for example, on the connection between Kipling and the gnostic tradition. He was a pessimist and an authoritarian who believed in what might be called the catastrophe theory of humankind.

There seems little doubt, after all, that "his sense of deep personal unworthiness" led him to grant genius only to "a daimon outside himself" – in other words, he was so fearful or modest that he refused to accept responsibility for his own great gifts. That is why in Kipling's writing the world becomes some open wound, a place of horror and hardship where it is best not to know the true purpose of God or the awful potentialities of the human heart – better to mark a straight path instead, to obey the Law and do one's duty. And yet all the time Kipling's genius is working beneath the discernible surface, subverting his political clichés, contradicting his certainties, undermining his judgement. He is preoccupied with the tears of things, but his sensibility is not expressed in Virgilian cadence but in that thoroughly robust and economical prose which is only occasionally too laconic and too demotic for its own good.

Most of this biography, then, is as intelligent as it is well-researched. And so it is even more of a pity that Mr Seymour-Smith should unbalance a fine work by acting as a kind of recruiting sergeant in sexual matters, dragging Kipling off in a direction that he might neither have recognized nor appreciated. With a genius such as his, in any case, the competing claims of homosexuality or heterosexuality are really of no lasting significance.

Sexchanging stereotypes

FICTION
John Nicholson

THE HOUSEHUSBAND
By Christine Park
Heinemann, £10.95
THE FALL OF MAN
By Frances Thomas
Gollancz, £12.95

A contemporary couple, Carole and Tony Davis. She, rights manager at a major publishing house, jogs with the boys at lunchtime and sinks a couple of jars after work before hot-footing it back to Kentish Town, where her dinner is just starting to dry up in the oven. For He is a Househusband.

It all began as an experiment – and a very convenient arrangement it was, when Tony lost his job at just the moment Carole's career started to take off. But it was never intended to be more than a stopgap, to tide them over until it became clear what a kindly fate might have in store for a man of Tony's talents.

Unfortunately, this turned out to be not much. In fact, nothing at all. So at the beginning of Christine Park's second novel, Tony has been unemployed for seven years. Unemployed, but not unoccupied, since it seems only sensible that he, as non-earning partner, should assume primary responsibility for bringing up the children. But his dreams are of risk-capital ventures rather than the old Utopian ideals, as he keeps young Timothy and Ellen amused on Hampstead Heath. Which is where they meet Alex.

Young, pretty, bored with her A-Levels, and smothered by her parents' ineffable tolerance, Alex is ripe for adventure. The children are enchanted by her, but Tony is too honourable to allow his growing frustration with Carole to lead him into anything that might jeopardize his children's relationship with their new friend. Instead he offers to help Alex with her course-work – whereupon Carole grabs hold of the wrong end of the stick and beats him with it. Such are the rewards of virtue.

Less ambitious than her first novel, *Joining the Grown-Ups*, **The Househusband** nevertheless confirms Christine Park's reputation as a major literary talent. She captures the tackiness of publishing, and writes sharply though not unsympathetically about middle-class North London. Her characters are familiar but fresh, the things they say entirely convincing – particularly when they're young. They develop, too. Indeed it is this that gives the book its impetus.

Frances Thomas got in amongst the prizes first time out. *Seeing Things* not only won the 1987 Welsh Arts Council Fiction Prize, but came within a whisker of taking the Whitbread First Novel section as well. So great things were expected of her second book. Sad to report, **The Fall of Man** is a bit of a damp squib.

The ground it covers – adultery in a quasi-religious community in Wales – looks promising. Risky though, having previously been forked over by such formidable operators as Mesdames Murdoch and Lively. The novel opens with the arrival at Disserth House of Daniel Green. After a blameless childhood, Daniel has just carried out his first act of rebellion against his professorial progenitors, by walking out of finals. Dripping behind the ears, Daniel takes people at face value – even Hunter, the community's self-appointed leader, who prescribes a course in Celtic mysticism and healthy country walks to put the lad back on the rails.

Hunter himself could use a little sorting out. So could his wife Celia, who has taken to canoodling in caves with the vicar's son, to say nothing of his daughter Dorothy, who would happily canoodle anywhere with anyone, but can find no takers. Joseph Agbodeka, the community's only other paying patient, turns her down politely; Kevin, the local farmer's lad, with less finesse. Daniel himself might have stepped into the breach, had he not already been snapped up by Anita the Evangelist. And so on and so on. Unfortunately, every character in *The Fall of Man* is a caricature, while Miss Thomas is palpably unable to decide whether she is writing farce or light comedy.

There's nothing light about Helen Hodgman's latest offering. Set in Battersea (no, not the fashionable bit), **Broken Words** *(Virago, £11.95)* is a disjointed account of the doings of a pair of out-of-work, Australian lesbians and their hangers-on, who include a murderously lecherous professor and a cannibal. Astonishing to report, it is well written and funny.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

The Correspondence of Charles Darwin, vol. 4, 1847-50, edited by F. Burkhardt & S. Smith (Cambridge, £32.50) Scientific milestones: he wrote profuse letters because of bad health and his far-flung investigations.

Deceptive Distinctions. Sex, gender, and the social order, by Cynthia Fuchs Epstein (Yale, £20) Feminist sociologist on the sexual difference.

Enter the Dragon, China at war in Korea, by Russel Spurr (Sidgwick & Jackson, £15) How China was drawn in, from GI's eye to big perspective.

Paradise Found and Lost, by O. H. K. Spate (Routledge, £40) Vol 3 of Pacific since Magellan, discoverers and reactions from 1764-1845.

Prisoner of Love, by Jean Genet, translated by Barbara Bray (Picador, £12.95) The outlaw of French literature on life, travels, rebellion.

The Secret War Against Hitler, by William Casey (Simon & Schuster, £12.95) Discreet memoirs of the founder of Office of Strategic Services.

Tatlin, edited by Larissa Alekseevna Zhadova (Thames & Hudson, £40) Vladimir Tatlin (1885-1953) Enigmatic Soviet techno-dreamer and artist.

Under the Heel of Mary, by Nicholas Perry & Loreto Echeverria (Routledge, £30) Genesis and cult history of Marianism down the shrines.

Baroque around clock

Stuart Evans

DICTIONARY OF THE KHAZARS
By Milorad Pavić
Hamish Hamilton, £11.95

Dictionary of the Khazars occurs in male and female editions which are identical save for 15 lines that are described as crucial. This "lexicon novel" is translated from the Serbo-Croatian, and Milorad Pavić is an academic who specializes in Serbian baroque literature. One of the meanings of "baroque" is grotesque or odd. The book is certainly that and more: it is phantasmagoric, often surrealist. The Dictionary is packed with action, often very violent, metaphysical speculation, aphorisms, and humour which is not always cruel.

The Khazars are a lost nation whose language has also disappeared. They inhabited territory somewhere in the Northern Balkans which they shared uneasily, sometimes subserviently, with Greeks, Jews, and Arabs. They were ruled by a kaghan who took precedence over a warrior king. One of these kaghans, to determine what should be the Khazar religion, summoned a Christian who became Saint Cyril, an Islamic scholar, Farabi Ibn Kora, and a Jewish rabbi, Isaac Sangari, to engage in the Khazar Polemic in order to decide.

Dreams are perhaps the most important aspect of the novel, for it is dreams and their significance that bring together Avram Brankovich, ostensibly a Christian, Yusuf Masudi, a Moslem lutanist, and the Jew, Samuel Cohen, each of whom has been engaged in researching the history of the Khazars, at the battle of Kladovo between the Serbs and the Turks in 1689. Each of them comes to a savage end, and all the evidence they have separately collected is lost.

Three 20th-century scholars, Dr Suk, Dr Abu Kabir Muawia, and Dr Dorothea Schultz, representing the same three religions, have been working on further research centred upon the two editions of the dictionary now lost which were not destroyed by the Inquisition. They were published by Daubannus, a Polish printer, in the late 17th century, and one was written in poisoned ink. The three come together in 1982 with fateful consequences.

The three versions – Christian, Islamic, and Judaic – of the reconstructed dictionary are suffused with metaphysics and theology. Most insistent is the struggle between God and the Devil (in male and female guises). The 15 "crucial" lines occur on pages 293-4, but the key to the author's intention seems to be in the first of two appendices. It is a work of immense ambition, bewildering but successful. And might even be a huge scholarly literary joke.

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INSIDE THE THINK TANK
Advising the Cabinet 1971-1983
By Tessa Blackstone & William Plowden
Heinemann, £14.95

Behind Baroness Blackstone's beautiful face lies a brilliant brain, though not without bigotry on such subjects as state socialism and Mrs Thatcher. Her collaborator, William Plowden, is pretty bright too. Both served their time on the Central Policy Review staff (the "Think Tank") and they have written a surprisingly entertaining as well as informative study of the work of that amazing apparatus, which intruded in government affairs between early 1971, when it was set up by Mr Heath, and 1983 when it was abolished by Mrs Thatcher.

Its first head was the idiosyncratic Lord Rothschild, whose quirky ways, compendious knowledge, endless curiosity, and compelling charm, through which an occasional tetchiness peeps out, have endeared him to almost all who have known him. He was the right person to initiate inquiries into whether Ministers and Civil Servants understood the implications of what they were talking about, and to suggest to them what they ought to be talking (and thinking) about with an eye to the future, and not just for the moment. The Think Tank looked like a useful political tool, particularly for a Prime Minister who might feel the need of an intimate intelligence staff against whom he could bang ideas and have them banged back.

The Think Tank's life was often stormy, and often useful. It is difficult to apply chilling common sense without annoying someone, and some of their reports bulged with common sense, while others were possibly marred in the eyes of the victims by a belief that the blighters at the Think Tank were a gang of impertinent young intellectuals with an average age of 35. Their number was limited to 20, mainly because Lord Rothschild thought more could not be conveniently assembled around the table provided in his office – an excellent way of deciding how many thrusting, probing minds could be controlled fruitfully.

One report was triumphantly successful. It was into the motor industry which, in the world shortages after 1945, looked booked for everlasting success, but which mysteriously dribbled away. To the horror of the unions and of management the Think Tank expressed the reasons. It was not lack of capital or of modern technology or poor production design. Ford were producing identical Escorts with identical equipment at Dagenham and Cologne, but the productivity in Cologne was far higher. "On average, the man-hours required in Britain to assemble the same, or a similar, car are almost double those required on the Continent. The implications for the British car industry are extremely serious."

Indeed – but the Think Tank warnings, which applied not merely to the car but to the whole of British industry, went unheeded. The report on overseas representation really got the goat of those at the top. They were livid at being investigated by a team containing two inquisitive young ladies, one of whom was Tessa Blackstone herself, then aged 34 and known in the Foreign Office as "the dark-eyed evil genius". Actually, they were dead right about over-lavish staffs enjoying lavish entertaining and doing little of value in promoting British trade or anything else. Ruefully the authors record that despite the obloquy from on high, many of the report's sensible recommendations were implemented later.

The radical Think Tank was a success when it worked for Heath and for Labour governments which were not radical, but buried in the past, unable to reach beyond the conventional, calamitous post-war consensus when devising policies on what to do, if anything, about anything. Mrs Thatcher has a radical idea a minute. She does not need any help from a Think Tank to dream them up, particularly as too many of its members were still susceptible to outdated Marxist myths. She is quite able by herself to get expert advice that meshes with her line of thinking. So the Think Tank had to go, but we should give it a nice thank you for enlivening the body politic.

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☆ **BRIGADOON:** OK revival of Lerner and Loewe's misty Scottish musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm. £8-£20. Thurs mat, all seats half-price.

☆ **THE FATHER:** Alun Armstrong in John Osborne's version of Strindberg's alarming drama of marital treachery.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Hammersmith. Tonight 7.30pm. In repertory. £5.50-£7.50.

☆ **HEDDA GABLER:** Juliet Stevenson as Ibsen's angry young lady in new production by Howard Davies.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.15pm. £5.50-£14.

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Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988) Tube: Charing Cross. 7.Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm. £7.50-£15.

☆ **MEASURE FOR MEASURE:** Roger Allam first-rate in Nicholas Hytner's production.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tubes: Barbican/Moorgate/St Paul's. Tonight 7.30-10.15pm. £6-£15.

☆ **THE SECRET RAPTURE:** New David Hare play in which Penelope Wilton and Jill Baker are two sisters adapting to their father's death.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Tonight 7.45pm. £6.50-£14.

☆ **THE SNEEZE:** Marvellously funny and varied Chekhov/Frayn pieces, eight in all: Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell in peak form.Directed by Ronald Eyre.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404/0641). Tube: Holborn/Temple/Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 5pm and 8.30pm; mat Wed 3pm. £5-£15.

☆ **TEECHERS:** John Godber's end-of-term play within a play; funny with sad bits.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 9-11pm, Early performances on Fri and Sat 6.30-8.30pm. £6.50-£11.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) ... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) ... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) ... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) ... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) ... ★ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) ... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) ... ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) ... ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-867 1117) ... ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?:** Sylvia Syms, James Bolam and Beatie Edney in Albee's ferociously witty drama of a middle-aged marriage.
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021 236 4455). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4.20-£9.95.

MALVERN: ☆ **The Glass Menagerie:** Susannah York plays Amanda Wingfield, the genteel monster, in Tennessee Williams's fine memory play. Young Vic touring production.
Festival Theatre, (0684 892277), tomorrow-Sat 8pm, £4-£6, mat Sat 2.30pm.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05.
≋ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

MOONWALKER (PG): Michael Jackson makes his eccentric big screen debut with this pot-pourri of concert performance clips, dances, chases, fantasy sequences and special effects, tenuously linked by an age-old plot line – the struggle between good and evil (93 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Prog 2.30.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.40 (not Sun), 2.40, 4.45, 6.45, 8.50. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.

SALAAM BOMBAY! (15): A country boy finding it tough going in the big city. A familiar story, but Indian director Mira Nair tells it with an authentic, hard-hitting punch (113 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Metro (01-437 0757). Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.

■ **THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18):** Philip Kaufman's massive and majestic adaptation of Milan Kundera's novel; a story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin (172 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

■ **WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT (PG):** Energetic mixture of cartoons and real life. Ace animation director, Richard Williams supplies a frantic array of "toon" characters, headed by Roger Rabbit. Bob Hoskins plays the dishevelled gumshoe, Eddie Valiant. (104 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.10, 7.05, 9.40.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20.
Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.35.

■ **WILLOW (PG):** Costly medieval fantasy from George Lucas, about an evil queen's reign of terror and an earnest midget's mission to save the infnt princess. Directed by Ron Howard: with Val Kilmer, Joanne Whalley, Warwick Davis. (126 min).
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 3.10, 6.00, 8.40. Late Fri, Sat 11.30.

An old-fashioned quest

Romantic tradition: an exhibition in London featuring Frank Dicksee

"End Of The Quest" (left) by Sir Frank Dicksee, president of the Royal Academy between 1924 and 1928, was painted and exhibited in 1921. It refers to no specific historical episode but appears to personify contemporary notions of medieval chivalry. To convey some idea of how old-fashioned this picture must have seemed in its day, pioneer abstract painter Wassily Kandinsky was by this time approaching 60, Picasso had long since exhausted Cubism and in 1917 Marcel Duchamp had set the anarchic Dada movement in train by exhibiting a urinal signed R. Mutt. Dicksee's painting, one of 350 works featured in a new exhibition called The Last Romantics, represents a vein of British art which clung to time-honoured pictorial conventions and ignored avant-garde developments abroad. Like some other RA presidents of his era, Dicksee was a reactionary who denounced modern art as catchpenny, ugly and incapable of producing anything of permanent value. The Last Romantics examines this conventional, anti-Modernist imagination in British art from Burne-Jones to Stanley Spencer and includes many memorably kitsch Victorian painters. It also includes works by semi-moderns such as Eric Gill, William Orpen and Leon Underwood who were responsive both to convention and innovation. The exhibition starts today at Barbican Art Gallery, London EC2 (01-638 4141), Monday to Saturday, 10am to 6.45pm, Sunday noon-5.45pm, £3, until April 9. *David Lee*

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **JOHN BINGHAM:** This pianist offers Haydn's Sonata Hob XVI/30 and Schubert's Sonata D 960.
St George's, Charlotte St, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £2.50.

☆ **CATHERINE PIERARD:** A soprano, Miss Pierard sings Berg's 7 Early Songs with Caterine Riley (piano) and, with the addition of Joy Farrall (clarinet) Schubert's The Shepherd on the Rock and Spohr's 6 German Songs Op 103.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £2.

EVENING

☆ **DEATH, TRANSFIGURATION:** The Strauss/Mozart series continues with Sir John Pritchard conducting the BBC SO in Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration*, *Macbeth* and, with Faye Robinson (soprano), the closing scene from *Daphne* as well as Mozart's *Symphony No 39*.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £3-£12.

☆ **DEL MAR'S DAY:** Norman del Mar conducts the Royal Scottish Academy of Music Orchestra in Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, Berg's Violin Concerto (David Clark, soloist) and Webern's pointilliste orchestration of the six-part Ricercare from Bach's The Musical Offering.
Royal Scottish Academy of Music, 100 Renfrew St, Glasgow (041 332 4101), 7.30pm, £3.

☆ **GUILDHALL STRINGS:** The Guildhall String Ensemble is conducted by Timothy Salter in Corelli's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 2, pieces from Walton's music for Henry V, Respighi's Ancient Airs and Dances, the London premiere of McCabe's Concertante Variations on a Theme by Nicholas Maw, and Michala Petri solos in recorder concertos by Vivaldi and Telemann.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5-£8.

☆ **SUK/SCO:** Josef Suk conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Haydn's Symphony No 83 "The Hen", Janáček's Idyll, and also solos in Beethoven's Romances for violin and orchestra.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031 668 3456), 7.45pm, £2.20-£9.60.

☆ **EROICA/RITE:** The distinguished Spanish conductor Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos has charge of the LSO during Beethoven's Symphony No 3 "Eroica" and Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £4-£15.

☆ **TRIPLE BEETHOVEN:** The Trio di Milano solo in Beethoven's Concerto for Piano, Violin and Cello with the Northern Sinfonia under Wilfried Boettcher. Fore and aft: Weber's Peter Schmoll Overture and Mendelssohn's Symphony No 4 "Italian".
City Hall, College St, Newcastle (091 261 9089), 7.45pm, £2.50-£9.

☆ **HEAR O'HAGAN:** Mozart's Piano Sonata K 333, Schumann's Davidsbündlertänze and Chopin's Sonata Op 58 are all heard from Peter O'Hagan.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £2.50-£4.50.

OPERA

☆ **UN RE IN ASCOLTO:** First night of British premiere of Luciano Berio's little fantasy opera on a libretto by Italo Calvino. The composer himself conducts and Graham Vick directs.
Royal Opera House, London WC2 (01-240 1066) 8-9.30pm, £1 to £23.

☆ **LEAR:** High powered performances and suitably sensational production for British premiere run of Aribert Reimann's opera.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

☆ **LA BOHÈME:** Further chance to see Elijah Moshinsky's highly praised Puccini production for Scottish Opera with Jane Eaglen in the title role today.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234) 7.15-10pm, £3-£23.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** New production for Opera 80 at the start of another nationwide tour. Ivor Bolton takes up the baton for the first lap.
Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793 24481) 7.30-10.40 £6 and £7.

ROCK

JOHNNY WINTER: Texan albino blues guitar legend, whose last album The Winter of '88 suggested a return to his best form since the Seventies.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50.

☆ **THE JUDDS:** Winsome mother and daughter New Country duo, originally from Morrill, Kentucky.
Nelson Mandela Hall, Queens University, Belfast (0232 324803) 8pm, £10.50.

JAZZ

☆**HARRY EDISON:** First of three nights from the ex-Basie trumpeter, aptly-nicknamed "Sweets". He returns to the venue next Wednesday for four nights.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, £8.50, £9.

☆**KEN WHEELER:** The ECM trumpeter appears with a quartet, on the same bill as the promising young Loose Tubes saxophonist Julian Arguelles.
Band On The Wall, Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 5625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.50, £4.

☆**JIMMY KNEPPER:** Closing sets by the trombonist best known for his contribution to such Mingus classics as Tijuana Moods.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476) 8.45pm, £5.

MUSEUMS

MARRIAGE LINES: Photographic exhibition of wedding scenes.
Oldham Art Gallery, Union Street, Oldham, Greater Manchester (061 624 0505). Mon, Wed-Fri 10am-5pm, Tues 10am-1pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Free. Until April 15.

FREEING THE SPIRIT: Exhibition of the work of Scottish abstract artists.
Gracefield Arts Centre, 28 Edinburgh Road, Dumfries (0387 62084). Mon-Fri noon-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 11am-5pm. Free. Until Feb 26.

MACHINE: Industrial embroidery exhibitions.
Pittville Pump Room Museum, Pittville Pump Room, Cheltenham, Glos. (0242 512740). Tues-Sat 10.30am-5pm. Charge 40p, concessions 20p. Until March 11.

DANCE

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Patrice Bart's production for London City Ballet.
The Hexagon, Reading, (0734 591591) 7.30-10.15pm £6.50-£8.50.

GALLERIES

DENZIL FORRESTER: Paintings of inner-city conflicts and tensions: plus paintings by Philippa Clayden and Alan John.
Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, London NW8 (01-624 1126). Tues-Sat 11am-6pm, free, until March 11.

BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST BY JOHN MARTIN: This major painting from 1826 is on temporary loan to the Tate in Gallery 9.
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 901-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until March 31.

SURREAL OBJECTS: A collection of bizarre objects and constructions submitted by artists and the public.
Tate Gallery, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 3223), Tues-Sun 11am-7pm, free, until March 3.

ENGRAVING THEN AND NOW: A retrospective 50th anniversary exhibition of the Society of Wood Engravers; featuring Eric Gill, John Nash etc.
Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal (0539 22464), Mon-Fri 10.30am-5pm, Sat-Sun 2-5pm, free, until Feb 26.

Crufts Dog Show, Britain's leading canine competition, opens today at Earls Court (see Other Events). Last year's Supreme Champion, Starlight Express, an English setter, is pictured above. Judging begins today for terriers and hounds, tomorrow for working dogs, and Saturday for toys and miniatures. The contest reaches its climax on Sunday with gun dogs and best in show. Among the attractions for dog-lovers are the highly disciplined working dogs, and the amazing range of exotic breeds — previous shows have included the Singing Dingo and the deeply wrinkly Shar Pei.

AFRIKA & TIMOR NOVIKOV: Avant-garde paintings and constructions by two young painters from Leningrad.
Raab Gallery, 29 Chapel Street, London SW1 (01-823 1393), Mon-Fri 10.30am-7pm, Sat 11am-5pm, free, until Feb 18.

RUBENS: Paintings, drawings and prints.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until Feb 12.

WALKS

LIFE AND TIMES OF WINSTON CHURCHILL: Meet St James's tube, 11am, £3 (0277 213704).

A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3 (01-669 4019)

HAUNTING TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL — A PUB WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7.30pm, £3 (01-668 4019).

OTHER EVENTS

CRUFTS DOG SHOW: See caption.
Earls Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-385 1200). Today until Sun daily 8.30am-7.30pm. Adult £4.50; senior citizen and child £2.

THE DOGS HOME BATTERSEA: Exhibition and sale of original paintings by the animal artist Julie Branan with contributions to the Battersea Dogs Home, much in the news recently and always in great need of funds.
Liberty, Regent Street London W1 (01-734 1234). Until Feb 28, today and subsequent Thurs 9.30am-7.30pm, other weekdays and Sat 9.30am-6pm. Admission free.

CHRISTIE'S SALES: Four today — 10.30am oriental works of art; 2pm oriental ceramics, printed ephemera and English and continental pictures.
Christies, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (01-581 7611).

MUSEUM WORKSHOP: Nicola Johnson looks at the 18th-century printer and his trade.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). 1.10pm. Free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: Celebration in music by Royal Philharmonic Society, with concerts, films and talks, also featuring Endymion Ensemble and Songmakers' Almanac. Music includes first performance of Arnold's A Shakespearian Concerto. March 9-May.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800) General booking now open.

WENDY COPE ST VALENTINE'S DAY: Wendy Cope, poet/journalist, is joined by actor Robert Gretton, reading love poems by herself and other poets. Feb 14.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

BLACKHEATH CONCERT HALLS: February programme includes flute and guitar music from four centuries (22nd), with Martin Vishnik and Sheila Searchfield; Robert Hall sings Schubert Lieder (25th), and Blackheath Opera in concert including selection from Die Fledermaus.
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, London SE3 (01-463 0100).

LAST CHANCE

HENRY MOORE: THE SHELTER DRAWINGS: Records of wartime London showing Londoners seeking refuge in the Underground during the Blitz, with related drawings showing the influence of the subject on Moore's work as a whole. Ends Sun.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1555-8).

PAT STEIR: Fifty prints, 1976-89, by American artist; principally etchings with working proofs and final images. Ends Sun.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks:** Jane Shilling; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending February 4

FICTION

1	**Cat's Eye**, Margaret Atwood	Bloomsbury	£12.95
2	**The Satanic Verses**, Salman Rushdie	Viking	£12.95
3	**A Little Stranger**, Candia McWilliam	Bloomsbury	£12.95
4	**Great Deliverance**, Elizabeth George	Bantam	£ 9.95
5	**The Greek Key**, Colin Forbes	Collins	£11.95

NON-FICTION

1	**On My Way To The Club**, Ludovic Kennedy	Collins	£15.00
2	**Eric Gill**, Fiona MacCarthy	Faber	£14.95
3	**The Shah's Last Ride**, William Shawcross	Chatto	£15.95
4	**A Brief History of Time**, Stephen Hawking	Bantam	£14.95
5	**Collected Poems**, Philip Larkin	Faber	£16.95

PAPERBACKS

1	**Holidays In Hell**, P J O'Rourke	Picador	£ 3.95
2	**The Songlines**, Bruce Chatwin	Picador	£ 3.95
3	**Summer's Lease**, John Mortimer	Penguin	£ 3.50
4	**The Past Is Myself**, Christabel Bielenberg	Corgi	£ 3.95
5	**Sucking Sherbert Lemons**, Michael Carson	Black Swan	£ 3.99
6	**Hot Money**, Dick Francis	Pan	£ 3.50
7	**Gorillas In The Mist**, Dian Fossey	Penguin	£ 4.99
8	**Look To The Lady**, Margery Allingham	Penguin	£ 2.99
9	**Behind The Wall**, Colin Thubron	Penguin	£ 4.99
10	**Not That Sort Of Girl**, Mary Wesley	Black Swan	£ 3.95

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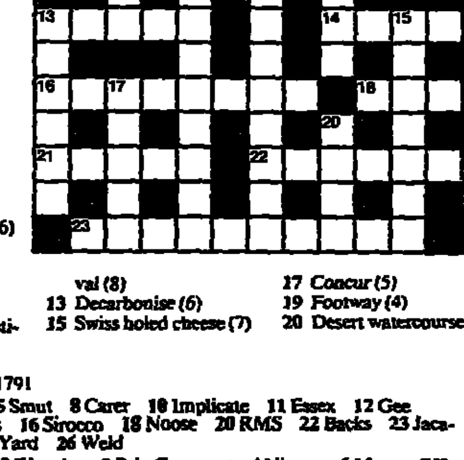

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8 Sham treatment (7)
9 Cetacean mammal (5)
10 Uterus (4)
11 Tainted (8)
13 Pre-1982 Bangladesh capital (5)
14 Worcester composer (5)
16 TV interview programme (8)
18 Waste site (4)
21 Leningrad ballet (5)
22 Closest (7)
23 Subjugating (10)

DOWN
1 Pale, sickly (7)
2 Christmas (4)
3 Good deed marks (7,6)
4 Not high degree (3,5)
5 Fermenting agent (5)
6 Vomit (4)
7 Painful, sore (6)
12 Israelites in Egypt festival (8)
13 Decarbonise (6)
15 Swiss holed cheese (7)
17 Concur (5)
19 Footway (4)
20 Desert watercourse (4)

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

PHEON
(c) The barbed head of a dart or arrow, especially as a heraldic bearing, etymology obscure: "Unless the contrary be specified, the point of the pheon is blazoned to the base."

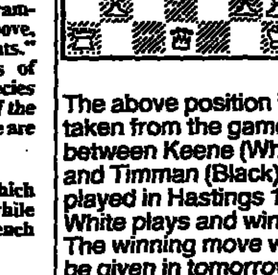
SPRAINT
(a) *Otter's dung, from the Old French espraintes pressed out:* "Two or three more gentlemen are scrambling over the rocks above, in search of spraints." Knowledge of varieties of dung of different species *was an important part of the* medieval hunt, and there are many words for it.

CADRANS
(b) An instrument by which a gem is adjusted while being cut, from the French *cadran* a quadrant.

MURICATE
(a) *Rough or warty with* short sharp points, also *muricated*, from the Latin *murex, muricis* a sharp stone: "There were a great many asperities, muricated prickles, or eminencies."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Keene (White) and Timman (Black) played in Hastings 1974. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's Times.

Solution to yesterday's position: White wins with 1 Qb1 (but not 1Qd3 Ne5 or 1Qc2 Ne5 2dxe5 Ne4.)

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

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DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC 867 1111/ 379 4444 (24 hrs)
Opens Feb 27
VICTOR SPINETTI'S
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3 GUYS NAKED
FROM THE WAIST DOWN
A NEW COMEDY MUSICAL

FORTUNE 836 2238 Ends Feb 18 MAUREEN LIPMAN in
RE: JOYCE!
Adapted from the works of JOYCE GRENFELL
With Denis King
Directed by Alan Strachan
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GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Evgs 7.45. Sat Mat 3pm
GERALDINE McEWAN
SARA KESTELMAN
in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By PETER SHAFFER
with MORAY WATSON
Dir MICHAEL BLAKEMORE
BEST COMEDY '88 E.Std Award

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"Sensational West End Debut"
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by Tennessee Williams
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LAST TWO WEEKS
MUST END FEBRUARY 18

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GALA OPENING FEB 23
KEITH MICHELL FIONA FULLERTON
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THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL
by ROYCE RYTON
Directed by VAL MAY
"SCANDALOUS FUN" S.Exp
Evgs 7.30 Mats Thurs 2.30 Sat 3

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ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS
CLAIRE MOORE MICHAEL CORMICK
Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances
Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3
Sold out to 30 Sept New bookings period to be announced Queue daily for returns

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 VALUED FRIENDS by Stephen Jeffreys. Prevs Ton't. Tomor 8pm. Sat 4.30 & 8pm.

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Mon-Thu 8, Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30
SEATS AVAIL Fri 5.30pm PERF!

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave 01-437 3686
STEEL MAGNOLIAS
A NEW COMEDY
by Robert Harling
directed by Julia McKenzie
Previews from 27 Feb

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NATIONAL THEATRE
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Ton't & Tomor 7.15 BARTHOLOMEW FAIR by Ben Jonson. Today 2.00, Tomor 10.30 & 2.00 THE MAGIC OLYMPICAL GAMES a children's show by Graeme Garden.
LYTTELTON
Today 2.15 & 7.45, Tomor 7.45 THE SECRET RAPTURE new play by David Hare
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Prevs 16 Feb. Opens 1 March

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in
RICHARD III
by William Shakespeare
Eves 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.00pm
Richard II Returns in Repertoire from 27 Feb

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THE MUSICAL SENSATION
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Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART
Directed by TREVOR NUNN
Opens April 12 1989

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A new play by David Henry Hwang
Directed by John Dexter
Prevs fr 14 April Opens 20 April

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"A brilliantly effective spine-chiller" Gdn.
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CINEMAS

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CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 Mira Nair's SALAAM BOMBAY (15) Progs 1.35 3.55 6.20 8.45.

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. LOUIS MALLE'S AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS (PG) Film at 1.30 (not Sun) 3.45 6.20 8.50. "This is a film I urge you to see" Barry Norman Film '89.

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St off Charing Cross Rd 240 9661 BARBARA HERSHEY in A WORLD APART (PG). Film at 1.45 (not Sun) 4.00 6.15 8.40.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. BEN KINGSLEY. CHARLES DANCE. HELEN MIRREN in PASCALI'S ISLAND (15) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 8.40. LAST WEEK. FROM FRI SOURSWEET (15).

LUMIERE St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 Mike Leigh's HIGH HOPES (15) Progs 1.40 4.00 6.20 8.45. Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm

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1. Terence Davies's DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15) Progs 1.00 3.15 5.10 7.10 9.10
2. Mira Nair's SALAAM BOMBAY (15) Progs 1.35 3.55 6.10 8.45.

TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

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TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● The brutal killing of young seals so aroused the international public conscience in the late Seventies that the European Community banned the import of seal pup fur skins. **Fragile Earth** (Channel 4, 10.25pm) has a film called *Seal Mourning*, which revives the controversy in the most graphic way. It claims, first, that the killing of baby seals is still taking place on a wide scale and, second, that of the members of the European Community only Portugal has obeyed the ban on importing skins. As far as the killing goes, the villain of the programme is Norway which, despite official denials, is not only turning a blind eye to the commercial hunting of seals but is subsidizing it. The evidence comes from a video film shot by a Norwegian government inspector, Odd Lindberg, during hunts in the Arctic in 1987 and 1988. The scenes captured by

The brutal, bloody and illegal killing of young seals continues (C4, 10.25pm)

Lindberg support the allegation that the rules laid down to regulate seal hunting are being widely ignored. It is forbidden to kill a seal in the water but Lindberg shows this being done. It is against the law to kill mothers defending their pups or to hoist aboard a seal which is not completely dead. Again the Lindbergh's pictures show the regulations being flouted. The EC ban is coming up for renewal. Norway wants it lifted, arguing that seals are chasing away the fish and interfering with fishing gear. But a Russian expert, Professor Alexei Yablokov, contends that the seals need protecting, not hunting. And he describes the behaviour revealed in Lindbergh's video as barbaric, damaging not only the life of the animals but the dignity of the humans.

● An animal story of a less contentious nature is recounted in *Cairo Vets*, a film for **40 Minutes** (BBC2, 9.30pm). The subject is a delightful piece of British eccentricity, an animal hospital in the slums of Cairo. It was founded in 1934 by an English society lady, Dorothy Brooke, as a final haven for old cavalry horses imported into the Middle East after the First World War. Mrs Brooke died in the Fifties but the hospital goes on under the supervision of her grandson and does a sadly necessary job in a country which regards working animals as slave labour. Treating 95 per cent of its cases free, the hospital relies for its finds on donations and that enduring English institution, the garden fête.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Framing Father* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with John Stapleton and Sally Magnusson. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30;** weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25;** regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Viewers comment on yesterday's television output.
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on whether or not children should be advertised for fostering on television. Among the guests are David Steel and his adopted son, Billy
10.00 News and weather followed by **The Flintstones.** Cartoon series (r).
10.25 Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with **Playbus 10.50 The Wombles** (r). **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Tim Pigott-Smith with a reading.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Television programme makers meet their critics. To contribute ring 061 814 0424.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** with Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers. The guests include *Star Trek* actor Leonard Nimoy. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather.
1.30 Neighbours. Jim's business is on the brink of financial disaster; and Madge is tricked by Kenny. **1.50 Going for Gold.** European general knowledge quiz.
2.15 Film: The Pistolero of Red River (1967) starring Glenn Ford, Angie Dickinson and Chad Everett. A retired gunfighter's quiet life as marshal of a small town is interrupted by the arrival of a young hothead determined to prove that he is quicker on the draw. Directed by Richard Thorpe.
3.50 Dooby Duck's Disco Bus. 3.55 Henry's Cat, narrated by Bob Godfrey (r). **4.10 Jackanory.** Sophie Aldred and Jonathon Morris with the tale of *Princess Florizella,* by Philippa Gregory. **4.25 Hokey Wolf. 4.30 Grusy Twoey.** The sixth and final episode of the children's comedy series starring Kieran O'Brien.
4.55 Newsround with John Craven, Roger Finn and Helen Rollason. **5.05 Blue Peter** includes a visit to the Midlands factory that is making the red noses for the Comic Relief bonanza. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather.
6.30 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Mike Read and Sybil Ruscoe
7.30 EastEnders. Donna is devastated by some bad news; and Pauline receives the shock of her life when she visits Arthur at his allotment. (Ceefax)
8.00 Holiday 89. Bill Buckley travels to Goa and on through southern India; Kathy Tayler reports on self-catering holidays in Ibiza; and Tim Eggar, under-secretary of state at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has advice for holidaymakers on whom to turn to in the face of a catastrophe. (Ceefax)
8.30 Joint Account. Part three of the domestic comedy series starring Hannah Gordon as a bank manager determined to give up her job on order to get her husband's career back on the tracks. With Peter Egan. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Crimewatch UK presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Tonight there are reconstructions surrounding the murder of a young photographer from south London; and of an armed raid in Northampton city centre. (Ceefax)
10.15 Question Time. Sir Robin Day's guests are Baroness Ewart-Biggs and MPs Menzies Campbell, Douglas Hurd and Ian Aitken
11.15 Crimewatch Update. Reports on developments since the 9.30 programme. (Ceefax)
11.25 The Rockford Files. The second and final part of the story in which Jim Rockford investigates the disappearance of a pop star's business associate (r).
12.10am Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **The Morning Programme** introduced by Mike Morris; **7.00 News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Mike Morris and Jayne Irving; **8.00 News; 9.00 News** and **After Nine** which includes an update on the cervical cancer campaign.
9.25 The Pyramid Game. Quiz show hosted by Steve Jones. The guests are Keith Chegwin and Janice Long. **9.55 Thames news** and weather.
10.00 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes Dr Chris Steele with advice on family health; and items on coping with family problems; and domestic decorating.
12.10 Puddle Lane. Puppet series presented by Neil Innes. **12.30 Take the High Road.** Is Katsang having a bit of fun at Dougal's expense?
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville. **1.20 Thames news** and weather.
1.30 Healthy Hearts. This last in the series compares the merits of public and private health care. **2.00 Richmond Hill.** Australian drama serial. **2.55 Home Cookery Club.** Savoury Pancake Bake (r).
3.00 What's My Line? In today's edition of the odd occupations quiz game Angela Rippon and Jilly Cooper are joined by Gary Lovini, Hilary O'Neil and Garth Crooks. **3.25 Thames news** and weather. **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 Disney's Duck Tales. 4.25 Owl TV. Nature series presented by Michaela Strachan. Includes items on the African water lily; and the pandas in Toronto Zoo. **4.50 Dangermouse** (r). (Oracle)
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.00 Thames news
6.25 Help with details of the Children's Country Holiday Fund.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Sandie's blind date is more successful than Jackie thinks it should be.
7.00 Watching. Comedy love story starring Emma Wray, Liza Tarbuck and Paul Bown (r).
7.30 Chain Letters. Word association game presented by Andrew O'Connor.
8.00 The Bill. WPC Martella is accused of becoming too personally involved when investigating an assault on one of her friends. Starring Nula Conwell. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week. Olivia O'Leary, in the first of a series of major interviews, talks to the leader of the opposition, Neil Kinnock.
9.00 In the Heat of the Night starring Carroll O'Connor and Howard Rollins. When police officer Bubba meets a beautiful woman he cannot believe his luck when she rents an isolated cabin in order to finish a book. There begins a passionate affair – but they are unaware that someone is watching them.
10.00 News at Ten with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart. **10.30 Thames news and weather**
10.35 The City Programme examines how Stock Exchange rule changes threaten to alter the nature of the market; and why there is a boom in radio shares.
11.05 01- for London includes a review of Diane Keaton's new film *The Good Mother;* and country music from the Judds. Followed by **Crimestoppers** (r).
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison.
12.30am Contacts. Introductions service presented by Josephine Buchan and James Gaddas.
1.00 What the Papers Say with Mary Holland of *The Observer.*
1.15 Speed Chess. Murray Chandler meets Michael Adams in the last quarter-final of the James Capel Speed Chess Challenge.
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: The Keys of the Kingdom** (1944, b/w) starring Gregory Peck. Drama about a priest sent to a mission in China after his superior notices him struggling with his vocation. Based on the novel by A. J. Cronin and directed by John M. Stahl.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax **9.20 Daytime on Two:** living in a Glasgow tenement flat **9.40** Tutorial topics **10.00** Science: basic patterns (A) **10.25** Thinkabout **10.40** Young technologists use Brunel's techniques **11.00** Will a disabled girl be allowed to go to a disco with her sister? **11.20** Landmarks: trams now and then **11.40** What does the word "family" mean to children without parents? **12.10** Geometry **12.30** Five teenagers look back at the two years since they have left school **12.55** Maths for teachers
1.25 Hokey Cokey (r). **1.40 Music Time.** Musical clocks
2.00 News and weather followed by **Watch. 2.15 Antiques Roadshow** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Amazon: the Last Frontier.** A documentary about why an Amazon Indian tribe, the Waimiri-Atroari, who numbered more than 3,000 in 1974, were reduced to some 400 by 1985 (r). **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Word game
4.30 The Lambeth Boys. Today's generation of Lambeth youth have their say on sex, violence, race and truancy (r).
5.30 Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: The Zany Adventures of Robin Hood (1984) starring George Segal and Roy Kinnear. A made-for-television comedy about the scourge of the Sheriff of Nottingham, and his merry men who have hit hard times. Directed by Ray Austin. (Ceefax)
7.35 Take Nobody's Word for It. Science series. Today's guest scientist is the Hon Miriam Rothschild, who is an expert on fleas
8.00 9-II-5 investigates the world of sales representatives
8.30 The North Sea. The final programme of the series on the uses and misuses of the North Sea.
9.00 Naked Video. Comedy sketches. (Ceefax)
9.30 40 Minutes: Cairo Vets. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.10 The Tracey Ullman Show.
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show includes Sarah Dunant talking to the composer Luciano Berio about his new opera *Un re in ascolto*
11.55 Weather.
12.00 Weekend Outlook. Highlights of the weekend's *Open University* programmes. Ends at **12.10am.**

CHANNEL 4

8.30 Sesame Street. 9.30 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service.
1.00 Tourism: **The Welcome Business.** Reception work (r). (Oracle) **1.30 The Marketing Mix.** Part five – how organizations use the media to communicate with customers (r). (Oracle)
2.00 So We Bought a Computer. Part one of a six-programme series covering the whole range of computer activity (r). (Oracle)
2.30 Generations. A profile of Sybil Connolly, an Irish dress designer who numbers Jackie Onassis among her clients (r).
3.00 Man and Music: Classical Vienna. Part six – the life and work of Mozart (r).
4.00 Not on Sunday includes items on the world's first female Anglican bishop; and on the part to be played by the Church in a democratic Paraguay.
4.30 Countdown.
5.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King. This week Amanda and Lee are assigned to protect a spoilt tennis professional, the daughter of a business tycoon who is the target of anti-American terrorists.
5.55 An Art Lovers' Fantasy. An animated film about art.
6.00 A Different World. American high school comedy series.
6.30 The Sharp End. A special edition about junior doctors, examining the workload of two at the Royal Exeter Hospital over a single weekend.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Sumo. Highlights from day 12 of the Aki Basho – the Grand Autumn tournament of 1988.
8.30 Desmond's. The last episode in the comedy serial set in Peckham, south-east London. (Oracle)
9.00 The Rebellion of the Hanged. The third and final part of the drama set in rural Mexico at the turn of the century. In Spanish with English subtitles.
10.25 Fragile Earth: Seal Mourning. (see Choice)
11.25 Film: Casque D'Or (1952, b/w) starring Simone Signoret and Serge Reggiani. Drama set in 1890s Paris about a prostitute and her doomed romance with a carpenter. Directed by Jacques Becker. In French with English subtitles. Ends at **1.15am.**

SATELLITE

SKY CHANNEL

6.00am The DJ Kate Show: children's programme **8.30** The Lucy Show.
9.00 Panel Pot Pourri: game shows.
10.30 Sky by Day
11.30 The Sullivans: drama series.
12.00 Another World: drama series.
1.00 General Hospital: drama series.
2.00 As the World Turns: drama series.
3.00 Tom Jones: music and variety show **3.30** Family Affair: comedy series **4.00** Countdown by Sony Tape: pop music **5.00** The Young Doctors: drama series **5.30** Three's Company: comedy series
6.00 Sky Star Search: talent show **7.00** Sale of the Century: game show **7.30** Beyond 2000: science and technology series **8.30** Streets of San Francisco: action series **9.30** Paper Chase: drama series
10.30 WWF Main Event: wrestling **11.45** The Levkas Man: adventure series **12.45am** Landscape Channel Programmes **3.00** Countdown by Sony Tape **4.00** Panel Pot Pourri **5.30** European Business Channel

SKY NEWS

News on the hour and half-hour from 6.00am.
6.30am European Business Channel **9.30** Morning Magazine **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today
2.30 Good Health **3.30** Our World **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** The Reporters **6.30** Wild West End **7.30** Beyond 2000 **8.30** Frank Bough Interview **9.30** The Reporters **10.30** Target – Austin Mitchell MP and Norman Tebbit MP **11.30** NBC Nightly news
12.30am Wild West End **1.30** Nightline **2.30** Frank Bough Interview **3.30** The Reporters **4.30** Beyond 2000 **5.30** Entertainment Tonight

SKY FILMS

4.00pm Duchess and Dirtwater Fox (1976). Goldie Hawn and George Segal star in a western about a card sharp and a dance-hall girl who decide to team up. Directed by Melvin Frank.
6.00pm Prime Risk (1981). Two people intent on taking revenge on their banks stumble across an international terrorist scheme to destroy the US monetary system. With Keenan Wynn, Toni Hudson, Lee Montgomery and Sam Bottoms. Directed by W Farkas.
8.00pm To Be or Not To Be (1983). Remake of the classic 1942 comedy stars Mel Brooks (who also directs) and Anne Bancroft as members of a Polish theatre troupe caught up with invading Nazis.
10.00pm Warning Sign (1985). Suspense drama about a research laboratory that is working on a germ warfare plan for the Government. With Sam Waterston. Directed by Hal Barwood.

EUROSPORT

10.30am Soccer: Five-a-Side Championships **11.30** Mazda's Eye on Sport **12.30p** The World Alpine Skiing Championships: Women's Giant Slalom **1.30** World Cup Swimming: from Berlin **2.00** European Clubs Cross-Country: from Portugal **2.30** World Alpine Skiing Championships **3.00** Rugby Union: Five Nations Championship (Wales v Ireland) **4.00** Cricket Highlights: Australia v West Indies **4.30** Preview of Eurosport **6.00** Soccer: Five-a-Side Championships **7.00** World Alpine Skiing Championships: Men's Giant Slalom **8.30** Mobile Motor Sport News **9.00** European Speedskating Championship **9.30** Baltic Cup Handball **10.30** Rugby Union: Five Nations Championships **11.30** Cricket

MTV

6.00am MTV! **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** MTV! **2.30** Varcel Vanthilt **4.00** 3 from 1 at 5 **4.15** Maiken Wexo **5.30** Club MTV
6.00pm MTV at the Movies **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** MTV Spotlight: Bon Jovi **7.30** Ray Cokes **9.00** MTV's Metal Hammer
10.00 MTV at the Movies **10.30** Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** Your Scene! Away from the Pulsebeat **12.00** Club MTV **12.30** Kino **1.30-6.00am** Night Videos.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **8.30-9.00** Between Ourselves **12.10am-12.15** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **8.30-9.00** Focal Point: Blood Money **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.50-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.30-9.00** Spotlight **12.10am** Joint Account **12.40** Close **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** About Anglia **10.35** Wideangle **11.05** Film: Nighthawks **1.15am** Soap **1.45** Books By My Bedside **2.15** Journey to the Unknown **3.10** Forum Presents (Kool and the Gang) **4.10** Fifty Years On" **4.35-5.00** Farming Diary.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Only When I Laugh **1.20-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **10.35** Matlock **11.35** Jazz **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.20am** Film: 1,000 Plane Raid **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time... The Place... **3.50** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **2.00-3.00** Donahue **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** What the Papers Say **11.20** Magnum **12.15am** Film: The Last Shot **2.15** Sportsworld **3.20** Cover Story **3.45** The Time... The Place... **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Shady Tales **12.30** Matlock **1.30** Badminton **2.30** Taxi **3.00** The Time... The Place... **3.45** Quiz Night **4.15** 9 to 5 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On".

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Headliners **1.20-1.30** Grampian news **6.00-6.30** North Tonight **7.00** On the Road **7.30-8.00** Watching **10.35** Crann Tara **11.05** Sound of Music **11.35** Married With Children **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: One Thousand Plane Raid **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time... The Place... **3.50** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports **10.35** Sledge Hammer **11.05** Matlock **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: One Thousand Plane Raid **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time...The Place... **3.50** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** News **10.35** West This Week **11.20** Your Say **11.35** The Fugitive" **12.30am** Film. Play Dirty **2.20** Quiz Night **2.50** Trans World Sport **3.45** Books By My Bedside **4.15** Hodson Confidential **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-6.30pm** Wales at Six **10.35** Wales This Week **11.05-11.35** Rugby Round-Up.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Beathachean Neonach **1.20-1.30** Scotland Today **3.30-4.00** Portrait of a Legend (Tony Orlando) **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **7.30-8.00** Scottish Questions **10.35** Steel Wi' Fire **11.20** The Work They Say is Mine **12.15am** What the Papers Say **12.35** Film: Revenge **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time... The Place... **3.50** Off the Wall **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Today **10.35** Hot Tuna '88 **11.05** Oldest Rookie **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: 1,000 Plane Raid **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time...The Place... **3.50** Night Beat **4.45-5.00** TSW Community Action.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **10.35** Facing South **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Shady Tales **12.30** Matlock **1.30** Badminton **2.30** Taxi **3.00** The Time...The Place... **3.45** Quiz Night **4.15** 9 to 5 **4.40-5.00** Fifty Years On".

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **10.35** Commercial Break **11.05** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: One Thousand Plane Raid **2.00** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time...The Place... **3.50** Night Beat **4.50-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Newstime **3.30-4.00** Glenroe **6.00** Six Tonight **6.00-6.30** Police Six **10.35** Counterpoint **11.05** Head Start **11.35** Hitchcock Presents **12.00** What the Papers Say **12.15am** Film: One Thousand Plane Raid **2.05** Sportsworld **3.05** The Time...The Place... **3.50** Nightbeat **4.45-5.00** Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Calendar **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Oldest Rookie **12.00** Film: Beneath the Planet of the Apes **1.45** Love, American Style **2.00** America's Top 10 **2.35** Cinemattractions **3.00** Good Life Guide **3.30** Music Box **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **8.30am** Women: The Way Ahead **9.00** Working Words **9.30** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Flalabalam **1.00** Parliament Programme **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Years Ahead **2.45** Film: Little Princess **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Abbott and Costello" **5.30** Superchamps **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Cylle Byw **8.00** Dinas **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Stid **10.00** Hill Street Blues **11.00** 4 On The Floor **11.25** Film: Casque D Or **1.15am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **2.30pm** Nature Art of Robert Bateman **3.00** 'Live' At Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Onedin Line **5.30** Country Practice **6.01** Six-One **6.45** Garda Patrol **7.00** Top of the Pops **7.30** Know Your Sport **8.00** Jake and the Fat Man **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.15** Bibi **11.15** Poet's Eye **11.35** News, Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Flora Dora Folk **3.10** Raccoons **3.40** Cities of Gold **4.10** Pat's Pals **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Once Upon A Time... **5.25** Campbells **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** Airwaves **8.00** Hunters of the Sky **8.30** Freeze Frame **9.00** Mork and Mindy **9.30** Warm Feet, Warm Heart **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.35** Closedown.

RADIO 1

VHF Stereo – in London (104.8), the Midlands (94.8), the North (98.8), South Wales, Avon and Somerset (98.7), Oxfordshire (98.2), central Scotland (98.6), and Belfast (96.0) and **MW** (medium wave)
5.30 am Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.00** Top of the Pops (simultaneous broadcast with BBC1) **7.30** Phillip Schofield **8.30** Andy Kershaw **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.0** am Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the hour
4.00 am Alan Dedicoat **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05 pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Thirty Minutes Worth **10.30** The Houghton Weavers **11.00** Brian Matthew present Round Midnight **1.00** am Bill Rennells present Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00am World News **7.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **7.30** Write On . . . **7.45** Network Uk **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** The Picture of Dorian Gray **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** King St Junior **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00pm** Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours followed by Financial News **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Jazz Scene UK **2.00** Outlook, opening with World News **2.45** Write On...**3.0** Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Assignment **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Mendian **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Seven Seas **9.30** Write On... **9.45** Profile **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Music Now **11.45** Images of Britain **12.00am** Newsdesk **12.30** The Great Ballets **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Jazz Scene UK **1.45** Profile **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Seven Seas **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 848 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Purcell (My Heart is Inditing: Choir and Orchestra of Westminster Abbey under Simon Preston); Dowland (Semper Dowland, semper dolens; M Thomas Collier His Galliard; The King of Denmark's Galliard: Dowland Consort directed by Jakob Lindberg)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Mozart (Concerto in E flat for two pianos and orchestra: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner with Alfred Brendel and Imogen Cooper, pianos); Handel (Concerto grosso in A minor, Op 6 No 4: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Vaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis: Sinfonia of London under John Barbirolli)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Holmboe and Rosenberg. Rosenberg (Suite – Orpheus in Town: Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra under Westerberg); Rosenberg (A small piece for cello and strings: Stockholm Sinfonietta under Jan-Olav Wedin with Elemer Lavotha, cello); Holmboe (Suono da bardo, Op 49: Yiildn Seow, piano)
9.35 Deakin Piano Trio: Herbert Sumsion (Piano Trio); and Fauré (Piano Trio in D minor) (r)
10.15 John Williams: The guitarist performs Praetorius (Dances from Terpsichore); Ludovico Roncalli (Passacaglia); Weiss (Fantasy; Tombeau de M Cajetan; Passacaglia); Dodgson (Fantasy-Divisions); Villa-Lobos (Three Studies); and Barrios (Two Waltzes) (r)
11.15 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: Led by Geoffrey Trabichoff and conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk. Mendelssohn (Overture to Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2: with Konstanty Kulka, violin); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2) incl **1.55** interval Reading
1.00 News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Live from St Georges, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Pianist John Bingham performs Haydn (Sonata in A); and Schubert (Sonata in B flat)

Steve Reich has two pieces played tonight (R3, 10.20pm)

2.00 Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra: Christopher Seaman conducts Verdi (Overture to The Force of Destiny); Chopin Piano Concerto No 1 in E minor: with Garrick Ohlsson, piano); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat) (r)
3.45 Bartok: String Quartets Nos 1 and 4 played by the Takas Quartet (r)
4.45 Sounds of Nature: Brian Rayner Cook, baritone, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Schubert songs reflecting the sounds of nature. Im Walde, Der Wachtelschlag; Der Einsame; Der Geistertanz; Abscheid; Der Heimweh; Am See; Die Sterne; Auf der Bruck (see Choice)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Lyndon Jenkins visits the theatre to learn about incidental music
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The German composer Aribert Reimann talks to Michael Hall about his music
7.30 Lear: Live from the London Coliseum, Aribert Reimann's opera based on Shakespeare's *King Lear,* with a libretto by Claus Henneberg. Performed by the English National Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Paul Daniel. With Monte Jaffe (bass-baritone) in the title role. Incl **8.55** interval discussion
10.20 Music in Our Time: Nicholas Kenyon introduced two of Steve Reich's works recorded during his London concert series last autumn. Electric Counterpoint (David Tanenbaum, electric guitar); and Different Trains (Kronos Quartet and John Rushby-Smith, sound projection)
11.10 Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky. Piano Trio in A minor (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

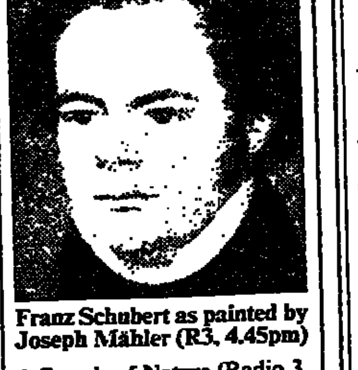
RADIO 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts with John Waite
9.30 Market Forces (new series): In the first of four programmes on the tactics used by Britain's marketing men and women, Jenny Cuffe examines the use of logos and jargon
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Lionel Kelleway explores the remains of Britain's medieval woodlands
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 Family Footsteps: Gerald Williams talks to twin brothers Henry and George Cooper about the world of the professional boxer
12.00 News; You and Yours with Debbie Thrower
12.25 After Henry: Sitcom about a widow who lives with her independent-mineded daughter and her interfering mother. Starring Prunella Scales and Joan Sanderson (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes a live interview with Sir Donald Acheson, the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health; a performance by Shikisha, a female Zulu drumming trio; and a feature on the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; plus part six of the serial *The Honey Ant*
3.00 News; The Rusty Link: Play by Ewart Hutton about a political exile's homecoming which is marred by the sound of betrayal. With Lee Montague (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to Lisa St Aubin de Teran about *Off the Rail,* a chronicle of travel, and *The Marble Mountain,* a collection of short stories; plus an interview with Erich Segal, whose latest saga, *Doctors,* has just been published
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Includes an item on the paperback issue of Tom Wolfe's *Bonfire of the Vanities,* an interview with Michael Wall, author of *Amongst Barbarians* which opens in Manchester, and a review of *Naked Gun,* the new film from the makers of *Airplane* (s)
5.00 PM: Presented by Robert Williams and Frances Coverdale **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Round Britain Quiz: Irene Thomas and Eric Korn challenge Brian Thompson and Michael Schmidt. Gordon Clough and Louis Allen preside (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Debbie Thrower visits Bristol's School of Veterinary Science (s)
8.00 Analysis: The Next Nuclear Generation. The outlook for nuclear power has never looked so uncertain with cuts in research and diminished public confidence. David Walker explores the economic, political and technological questions affecting Britain's nuclear future
8.45 The Family Firm: Marjorie Lofthouse tells the story of the Church family who have been making traditional British shoes since 1873
9.15 Does He Take Sugar? A magazine of special interest to disabled listeners
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes an analysis of *The Dog in Art;* a live review of *Amongst Barbarians,* Michael Wall's award-winning play which opens in Manchester tonight; and an interview with pianist Stephen Hough about his latest album (s)
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Odd Man Out by F L Green abridged and read by Denys Hawthorne: 9 (of 15) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: Presented by David Sells
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as **LW** except: **9.05-10.45 am** For Schools **11.00-12.00** For Schools **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time

FREQUENCIES: **Radio 1:** 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8. **Greater London Radio:** 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; **World Service:** MF648kHz/463m. **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2.

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle



Franz Schubert as painted by Joseph Mähler (R3, 4.45pm)

● **Sounds of Nature** (Radio 3, 4.45pm) presents Schubert as imitator: nine al fresco songs, splendidly sung by baritone Brian Rayner Cook, with Roger Vignoles being delightfully rural at the piano. The reason radio producers of musical anthologies go for homogeneity of theme (operatic villains, food and drink, love conquers all, fang and claw – the list is endless) is because it offers the line of least resistance. There is an embarrassment of riches to choose from, and the listener gets a glow of satisfaction from spotting the cuckoo, knowing when the champagne glasses are being clinked together, and which of the fountains of Rome are Trevi's. *Sounds of Nature* breaks new ground for the genre, and I don't think the spadework was necessary. There is no mistaking the wind rushing through the forest in Schubert's "Der Wachtelschlag". So why precede and follow the song with a sound archive recording of any old wind rushing through anywhere? And do we really need to hear a real coach and horses (ideal for a radio version of Dickens) to get maximum enjoyment from "Auf der Bruck"? Here, surely, are lilies that needed no gilding.

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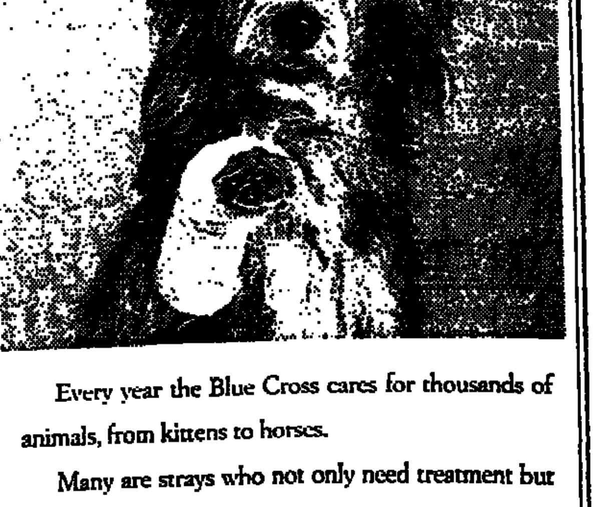

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Weather joins the North-South divide

NICK ROGERS

Bough Beech reservoir (above), near Edenbridge, Kent, usually full in February, was at only 40 per cent of capacity yesterday, while the River Ness at Inverness almost burst it banks.

JOHN PAUL

By Ruth Gledhill and Andrew Collier

The East Surrey Water Company, which serves 320,000 people in Surrey and Kent, has applied for a drought order from the Department of the Environment as a result of the record winter sunshine.

It wants the power to take more water from the River Eden and to ban garden watering if necessary.

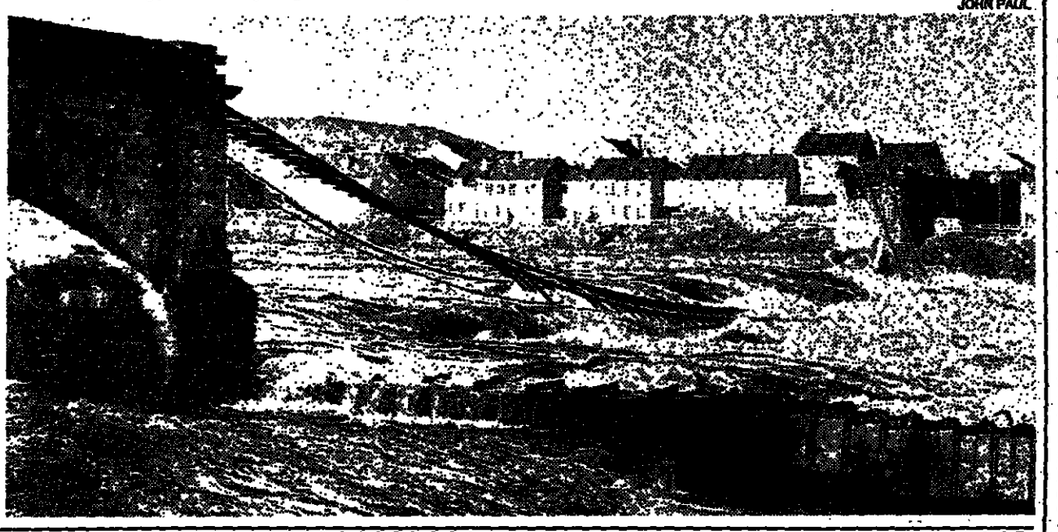
With rainfall in the South at a quarter of normal since last April, the Bough Beech reservoir is only 40 per cent full. "The situation now is worse than it was at the same time in 1976," Mr Ian Foster, the managing director, said.

In the North, however, torrential rain forced the River Ness, which runs through Inverness, to within two inches of overflowing. But emergency operations were scaled down last night after fears proved groundless that yesterday's spring tide would burst the river banks.

Today, a deepening depression will push a cold front across western parts. The South-east may start dull with some sun later. In the North and West it will be cloudier. Rain will spread east.

● MADRID: A tornado accompanied by hailstones ripped off roofs and shattered windows in Estepona on the Costa del Sol yesterday and torrential rains flooded the streets of Fuengirola (Harry Debelius writes).

Power lines were toppled, roads made impassable and drains torn out, but there were no casualties.



Political sketch

A full House for the Edwina show

Eat your heart out, Lady Di. There was a crowd outside the gates of Parliament yesterday waiting for Edwina Currie to arrive — just to see her pass! I rang Keith Prowse (Theatre Bookings) but it was no use. "Edwina Currie and the Select Committee, sir? Sorry. Tickets like gold dust, sir. Can't get them for love nor money. Now, we could do you *Phantom of the Opera* on Friday at £120, sir, or I could get you into The Select Committee on Statutory Instruments right away — front seats, as many as you like. *Evita* — sure — but *Edwina*? Not at any price, sir."

So there was nothing for it but to queue. Meanwhile, Select Committee members were already within, behind the oaken doors of the Grand Committee Room, conferring privately, we were told, before the public event.

Maybe so. No doubt it was only in one's imagination that the tall, dark and rugged MP for Gloucester West, Paul Marland, was applying just a touch of "Grecian 2000" before the lights went up.

Perhaps it was just in idle fancy that one saw the Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke, ensconced in his dressing-room, selecting the most double-breasted and gangsterish of his many Chicago-style suits, for the occasion.

Well, how did she perform? Was she worth the wait?

The star-billing was for an ex-Parliamentary Under Secretary — the most *junior* kind of minister known to our constitution — in the Health Department.

The curtain-raisers were mere Secretaries of State, the bosses of their respective Ministries of Agriculture and Health. We had to hear them, first.

First came the Minister of Agriculture, John MacGregor. The chairman of the Select Committee, Jerry Wiggin, peered headmasterishly at him over half-moon glasses. Mr Wiggin's reputation is for being unnecessarily unpleasant. He added to that, importantly, yesterday, by being unnecessarily pleasant. Would Mr MacGregor like to comment on Mrs Currie's latest statement that "a significant number" of hens were affected by salmonella?

Mr MacGregor did not, as it transpired, wish to comment on that, or on almost anything else of interest to the Committee, press, and public. Nor did he. And he spent the better part of an hour doing it. All in all a very skilful performance from a man who will go far, unnoticed.

For the most part, Mr Wiggin let him get on with it — or rather not get on with it — burbling happily away with that combination of accuracy, unspecificity, and irrelevance which marks out the natural-born politician.

Kenneth Clarke squirmed more interestingly. He went a little beyond duty in supporting the person he endearingly called "Edwina". He wouldn't even reject her *first* statement ("Most of the egg production . . . etc") where Mr MacGregor had declined to back her *second* (climbdown) position ("A significant number of hens etc").

On it went. From time to time, some flurry at the back of the room caused all to crane their necks round — as with the expected entrance of the bride — in case it should be Edwina.

Eventually it was. And how do we sum up her performance? She summed it up for herself in her opening statement (which she insisted on being allowed to make, as a Queen might, before being executed). She had had cards and letters from all over the world, she said. She was so grateful. She would be replying to all, in due course.

And that was it, really. It is true that a number of *questions* were put to her. ("Of course we are all in public life," said Richard Alexander, hopefully) but on the whole she could not remember the answers, or declined to reveal private conversations, or had nothing to add. Occasionally her voice would go rather faint. Someone brought her water, and she smiled graciously, wanly, at him.

Your sketchwriter suspects that she is suffering from genuine nervous exhaustion. He would be. But, if she is *not*, then this was a performance which places our young star firmly in the tradition of St Joan, Mary Queen of Scots, and Imelda Marcos.

Matthew Parris

Secret report backs salmonella fear

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problem was implemented.

Evidence revealed that eggs were often contaminated through the shell by faeces containing salmonella.

"The organisms may be absorbed through the shell during the period immediately after the eggs have been laid while the egg is cooling.

"Although the factors influencing this phenemenon have been investigated . . . the mechanisms which govern the transmission of bacteria through the shell have not been fully elucidated."

Some outbreaks have been caused by direct contamination of food from the egg shell because of poor handling practices, the report adds. But that would not explain the big increase in cases last year.

"The possibility that salmonella is more frequently gaining access to the egg content from either the shell surface or environment due to one or more new factors was not discounted."

The report says three recent developments may be helping to spread infection — more free-range eggs, keeping eggs chilled during distribution and new methods of packaging such as shrink wrap.

The group called for more research to find out how well eggs should be cooked to destroy the infection. A Public Health Laboratory pilot study found that salmonella enteriditis could survive in cooked eggs which contained some liquid yolk.

"The results of the investigation would enable better advice to be given to consumers," the report said.

The working group found little evidence of contamination through feed stuffs produced in Britain, even feed containing processed protein made from poultry or other farm animals.

There have been some infections from imported processed animal proteins, particularly from India, Pakistan and Ecuador.

The officials ask for information to be collected urgently on:

- The proportion and geographical distribution of infected flocks.
- The proportion of infected birds in infected flocks.
- Relative levels of infections in caged birds and birds in alternative systems of egg production.
- Whether human infection is more likely to be caused by transovarian transmission or shell contamination.

Whitehall exodus

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departments an interim target of dispersing 20,000 officials away from London. He will emphasize the benefits to Civil Servants of moving and the reduced costs from relocating to areas where office rentals are lower and clerical staff easier to recruit.

The Treasury scheme connects with Department of the Environment plans to squeeze local authority renting in London.

The first big scheme for dispersing Civil Servants began in 1940. Subsequent drives were launched by Mr Harold Wilson in the 1960s and Mr Edward Heath in 1973. Up to the beginning of 1988, Mrs Thatcher's term had seen nearly 6,000 officials move, 2,000 of them to Scotland.

Last year the Inland Revenue confirmed plans to locate more of its central tax districts in Scotland and the North and Mr Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, unveiled a plan to keep only essential policy and public relations staff in London, moving the rest to Sheffield and Runcorn.

The Property Services Agency has been organizing leases for government offices in provincial cities.

Private war on crime

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volved in the plans and this will be a feature of schemes elsewhere.

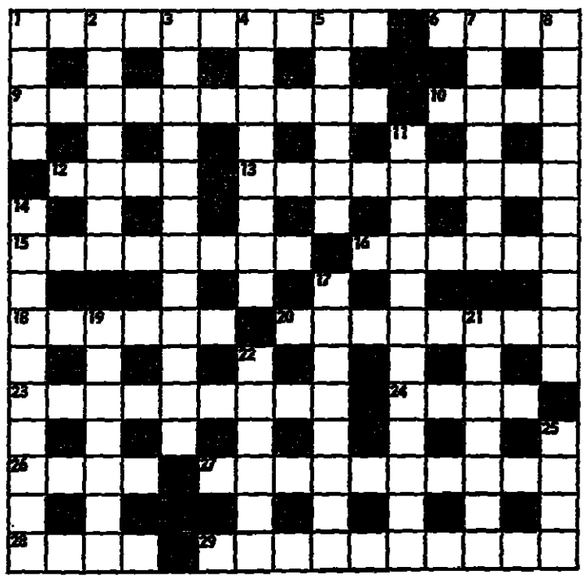
Mr Nigel Whiskin, chief executive of Crime Concern, said yesterday: "Crime costs all of us a great deal of money."

He added: "A good stable crime-free community is good for business." Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday he would be seeking further "substantial increases" in police manpower.

His announcement came as West Midlands police said that it was seeking permission from Mr Hurd to recruit an extra 350 officers, despite figures showing that recorded crime in the region fell by 11 per cent last year. This was the biggest drop in the history of the force.

Separately, Mr Hurd said in a parliamentary answer that limits on the time people can be held in custody in criminal proceedings in England and Wales are to be extended to 22 more counties from June 1.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,901



ACROSS

1 Headgear from Melton Mowbray? (4-3,3).
6 Slough not finished off by god (4).
9 A relative in the army retired into the country (5-5).
10 Team sounded unhappy — listen to it (4).
12 Discover the absence of a girl (4).
13 Agreement to raise the standard (5,4).
15 Fellow importing silver here from abroad — he works wonders (8).
16 It could be acquired by breaking the law (6).
18 Parisian who, in turn, is free (6).
20 Former union member, one covered in confusion (8).
23 Talk quickly, tipster. One tip's been backed already (4,2,3).
24 Girl some called Naomi (4).
26 Shed a tear, perhaps (4).
27 Grounds for committal (10).
28 Deplored blunt speaking (4).
29 Erotic gear can be obtained from this shop (10).

DOWN

1 Boy playing one of the Merry Wives of Windsor? (4)
2 Fuming about Englishman (7).
3 Shut up and do this if your shoe's too big (3,1,4,2,2).
4 Anaesthetic laid Prue out (8).
5 It's cold in a large vehicle, very cold (6).
7 Girl taking a lot of trouble (7).
8 If he's taken wrongfully, he's a criminal (5-5).
11 Head is confidential (5,4,3).
14 He's found in capitals (10).
17 The sort of present that covers what happened earlier (8).
19 Don's team put up in tag (7).
21 Monster coin, gold rand (7).
22 Stuns woman — that's correct (6).
25 Thought middleman's odds sufficient (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PHEON
a. A lighthouse
b. A blue blood corpuscle
c. An arrow head

SPRAINT
a. Otter's dung
b. A badly twisted limb
c. Split grain for poultry

CADRANS
a. A quarter of the zodiac
b. A vice for gems
c. Fagging at Harrow

MURICATE
a. Pointed
b. To excrete blood
c. A marzipan sweetmeat

Answers on page 22

Solution to Puzzle No 17,900

S	L	O	G	A	N	■	C	L	U	E	L	E	S	S
■	A	■	L	■	A	■	O	■	N	■	A	■	T	■
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B	E	A	R	I	N	G	S	■	T	I	S	A	N	E

WEATHER

South-eastern England may start dull, with sunny intervals developing. Cloudier further north and west. Rainwill spread east by evening. Brighter weather following but with showers in the north. Generally mild but windy. Outlook: unsettled and colder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	14	57	s	Majorca	15	59	f
Akrotiri	17	63	f	Malaga	12	54	r
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Malta	13	55	s
Algiers	15	59	f	Mekh'rma	24	68	s
Amst'dam	9	48	s	Mexico C*	19	64	s
Athens	11	52	f	Miami*	29	82	f
Bahrain	16	61	s	Milan	8	46	s
Barbados*	27	81	f	Montreal*	-4	25	sn
Barcelna	13	55	f	Moscow	5	41	s
Belgrade	-5	41	c	Munich	7	45	s
Berlin	10	50	s	Nairobi	24	75	f
Bermuda*	24	75	s	Naples	15	59	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	N Delhi	-	-	-
Borda'x	6	43	c	N York*	1	34	c
Brussels	10	50	s	Nice	17	63	s
Budapst	4	39	c	Oslo	5	41	f
B Aires*	25	77	f	Paris	3	37	f
Cairo	17	63	f	Peking	8	46	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Perth	25	77	s
C'blanca	15	59	f	Prague	1	34	fg
Chicago*	-3	18	s	Reykjvik	-1	30	f
Chr'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	13	55	t
Cologne	9	48	s	Rio de J	26	79	c
C'phagn	7	45	c	Riyadh	18	64	s
Corfu	16	61	s	Rome	14	57	s
Dublin	10	50	c	Salzburg	6	43	s
Dubrovnik	14	57	s	S F'isco*	3	37	s
Faro	14	57	s	Santiago*	33	91	s
Florence	15	59	s	S Paulo*	-	-	-
Frankfurt	2	36	fg	Seoul	2	36	c
Funchal	17	63	s	Sing'por	32	90	s
Geneva	0	32	fg	Stckholm	7	45	s
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	1	34	fg
Helsinki	4	39	s	Sydney	28	82	s
Hong K	-	-	-	Tangier	16	59	f
Innsbrck	9	48	s	Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Istanbul	10	50	s	Tenerife	19	66	f
Jeddah	28	79	s	Tokyo	11	52	c
Jo'burg*	19	66	c	Toronto*	-7	19	s
Karachi	21	70	s	Tunis	15	59	f
L Palmas	18	64	f	Valencia	9	48	f
Le Touet	7	45	f	Vancouvr*	9	48	s
Lisbon	9	48	c	Venice	8	46	s
Locarno	12	54	s	Vienna	1	34	d
L Angels*	10	50	f	Warsaw	8	46	c
Luxembg	1	34	fg	Wash'ton*	0	32	c
Luxor	23	73	s	Wel'ton	-	-	-
Madrid	9	48	c	Zurich	0	32	fg

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	4.4	-	13	56	sunny
Bridlington	6.0	-	14	57	sunny
Cromer	7.1	-	12	54	sunny
Clacton	7.3	-	10	50	sunny
Margate	8.1	-	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	5.1	-	10	50	sunny
Hastings	2.9	-	10	50	bright
Brighton	3.5	-	9	48	bright
Littlehmptn	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Bognor R	6.8	-	10	50	sunny
Sandown	5.3	-	12	54	sunny
Bournemth	2.4	-	11	52	bright
Poole	4.8	-	-	-	bright
Weymouth	6.2	-	11	52	sunny
Exmouth	3.3	-	13	55	bright
Teignmouth	7.4	-	13	55	sunny
Torquay	2.8	-	13	55	bright
Falmouth	5.5	-	12	54	sunny
Penzance	5.5	-	13	55	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.8	-	13	55	sunny
Jersey	7.8	-	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	8.6	-	12	54	sunny
Newquay	4.2	-	13	55	sunny
Aberdovey	4.0	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	7.0	-	14	57	sunny
B'pool Airpt	-	.71	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	.49	11	52	rain
Douglas	-	.09	10	50	rain
Buxton	3.5	-	10	50	sunny
Leeds	4.9	-	13	55	sunny
Nottingham	3.8	-	12	54	sunny
Anglesey	-	.16	11	52	rain
Colwyn Bay	0.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Tenby	5.0	-	12	54	sunny
Aberdeen	3.4	.01	11	52	rain
Aviemore	3.8	.25	8	46	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	.69	8	46	rain
Glasgow	1.1	.09	10	50	cloudy
Kinloss	4.9	.31	9	48	rain
Lerwick	0.7	.26	5	41	snow
Prestwick	0.6	.04	10	50	rain
Stornoway	3.4	.21	7	45	shower
Wick	4.3	.43	7	45	shower

These are Tuesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.42	7.5	4.13	7.6
Aberdeen	3.18	4.4	3.19	4.7
Avonmouth	8.19	14.3	8.41	13.9
Belfast	12.45	3.6	1.05	3.9
Cardiff	9.04	13.1	9.28	12.8
Devonport	8.01	5.9	8.25	5.5
Dover	12.46	8.8	1.10	8.7
Falmouth	7.31	5.7	7.55	5.9
Glasgow	2.48	4.7	2.58	5.3
Harwich	1.37	4.0	2.06	4.0
Holyhead	12.01	5.7	12.17	6.1
Hull	8.20	7.7	8.25	8.2
Lowestoft	11.48	2.3	11.35	2.7
Margate	1.47	4.9	2.27	4.8
Milford Haven	8.19	7.8	8.40	7.2
Newquay	7.10	7.8	7.32	7.2
Oban	7.45	4.4	7.58	4.0
Penzance	7.04	6.0	7.30	6.6
Portland	8.57	2.5	9.32	2.2
Portsmouth	1.17	4.9	1.28	4.8
Sheerness	1.06	6.8	1.23	6.5
Southampton	12.42	4.8	12.50	4.7
Swansea	8.25	10.1	8.40	9.7
Tees	5.43	5.5	5.47	5.9
Whitby-on-Nze	1.27	4.2	1.59	4.3

Tide in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.82
Austria Sch	23.90	22.50
Belgium Fr	71.20	67.60
Canada $	2.15	2.03
Denmark Kr	13.15	12.50
Finland Mkk	7.85	7.45
France Fr	11.48	10.88
Germany Dm	3.39	3.21
Greece Dr	298.50	287.50
Hong Kong $	14.05	13.31
Ireland Pt	1.253	1.203
Italy Lire	2470.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	240.50	224.50
Netherlands Gld	3.83	3.63
Norway Kr	12.25	11.61
Portugal Esc	277.50	262.50
South Africa Rd	4.85	4.35
Spain Pta	210.75	198.75
Sweden Kr	11.55	10.93
Switzerland Fr	2.88	2.73
Turkey Lira	3000.00	3000.00
USA $	1.828	1.728
Yugoslavia Dnr	11100.0	9100.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 110.3 (December)

Leaders: The FT Index closed up 19.8 at 1714.7.

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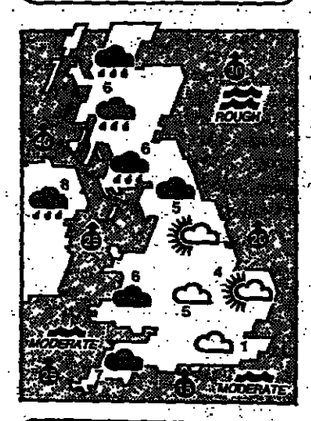

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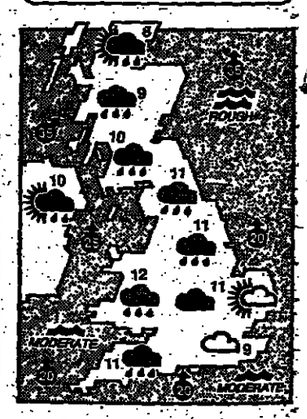

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	9	48	s
B'ngham	8	43	fg	Inverness	6	43	c
Blackpool	10	50	c	Jersey	10	50	s
Bristol	9	48	c	London	10	50	s
Cardiff	8	46	c	M'chester	9	48	s
Edinburgh	6	46	f	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	8	46	f	N'ghdenay	8	46	r

LONDON

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1025.2 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.35 pm to 6.54 am
Bristol 5.45 pm to 7.04 am
Edinburgh 5.24 pm to 7.19 am
Manchester 5.37 pm to 7.06 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.12 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Brixington, Humberside, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Inverness, Highland, 1.25 in; highest sunshine: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 8.6 hr.

MANCHESTER

Tuesday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3 hrs.

Sun rises: 7.28 am
Sun sets: 5.05 pm
Moon rises: 5.33 am
Moon sets: 9.51 pm
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NOON TODAY

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7440 (–0.0005)
W German mark
3.2656 (+0.0104)
Exchange index
97.5 (+0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1714.7 (+19.8)
FT-SE 100
2096.2 (+23.4)
USM (Datastream)
164.96 (+1.22)

Cuckney's Metsun lives on to fight another day

By Colin Narbrough

Sir John Cuckney has made clear that Metsun, the consortium which last month aborted plans to launch a bid for Lord Weinstock's General Electric Company (GEC), is still very much alive and likely to renew its efforts to block a GEC-Siemens takeover of Plessey.

Speaking yesterday after he had stepped down as chairman of Westland, the helicopter firm over which two Cabinet ministers resigned, Sir John said he was working "assiduously" on the Metsun concept and would be able to give it more time now he was freed from Westland.

Though he declined to go into details concerning the consortium's new plans, he said it was a "moving ball situation".

He said it had been the rapidly changing circumstances of the battle over Plessey that had forced Metsun to withdraw, but underlined that circumstances were open to change.

Since Metsun withdrew in January, GEC and its West German ally have amended their £1.7 billion hostile bid for control of Plessey, putting forward new proposals concerning the target company's £750 million defence business designed to allay Ministry of Defence fears about reduced competition among its suppliers.

Metsun, which originally planned to take over GEC and break it up, included Plessey. Thomson, France's state-controlled electronics giant, was also behind the deal, as too was American Telephone and Telegraph.

Potential conflicts of interest between Plessey and its consortium partners has been widely seen as the cause of Sir John's decision to drop Metsun's initial assault on GEC.

Baring Brothers, who have taken over the role of Metsun's City advisers from Lazard Brothers, were last night not prepared to comment on Sir John's latest remarks.

But the fierce fight he put up over Westland and the need to maintain a domestic helicopter capacity in Britain suggest to many observers that last month's move over GEC could have been only a tactical retreat.

In his last words as chairman to the Westland shareholders, Sir John said there had been a sharp improvement in the order book and the group last year achieved its highest operating profit ever.

He recalled his forecast that full recovery at Westland would take five years.

Though only three years into the programme, he said he felt the necessary action to ensure a successful future had been taken.

GKN's acquisition of a 22.02 per cent stake in the company was an important display of confidence in the company, he said.

The long-term commitment to Westland of United Technologies Corporation, the American group, was similarly important.

Sir Leslie Fletcher, joint deputy chairman, succeeds Sir John as chairman. Mr Hugh Stewart, who resigned as chief executive in December, has not been replaced yet, but Mr Alexander Daly, GKN's managing director, defence, will be acting chief executive.

Pressure for £5bn write-off of water debt

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

The Government is under pressure to write off most of the water authorities' £5 billion debt, in order to help make a success of the sale of their shares to the public.

It is now emerging that accounting changes, penalties for lapses of supply and political pressure to limit future price rises seem certain to reduce the water authorities' profits, increase risks and severely limit potential profit growth.

This has raised fears in the City and Whitehall that the most complex and costly privatization yet attempted — still scheduled for the autumn — may fail to appeal to the mass of private investors at which it will be aimed, at the expected valuation of £5 billion-£7 billion.

Plans are already being laid for more than 500,000 full prospectuses of more than 500 pages each to be printed to cover the simultaneous, but separate, launch of the 10 authorities. There would also be more than 15 million colour-printed mini-prospectuses for private investors.

The new worries centre on an accounting change which could reduce published profits by up to 20 per cent and force the Government to compensate by cutting the authorities' debt and interest burdens.

After privatization, maintenance and repair of the fabric of water and sewerage pipes and works will be treated as operating not capital cost.

Removing debt would also lessen the risk to dividends from heavy penalities being written into the Water Bill for supply failures caused by anything but natural forces.

The Department of the Environment will decide today whether strikes will be also treated as an excuse for failure to supply. The authorities fear penalities for strikes could give power to militants.

The Department and the authorities are also concerned about proposals from the National Rivers Authority that would require set standards on effluent to be met all the time, instead of a notional 95 per cent of the time.

The Government and Schroders, its banking advisers, have already prepared the next phase of advertising for the flotation. This will emphasize the security of profits, paving the way for the shares to be marketed on the basis of low growth but a high dividend yield.

But the Government has been told it would need to cut the authorities' overall debts heavily and not merely redistribute them if they are to pay safe, high dividends without big price rises.

All these decisions will need to be taken before individual price controls can be set for all 10 authorities and 29 statutory water companies.

From 1990-91, prices for the next 10 years will only be allowed to rise in line with the retail price adjusted by a constant K set to allow for extra investment and costs to meet water and sewerage standards as well as possible further cost savings.

After the dispute over price rises linked to the privatization Bill, particularly the catching up increases by statutory water companies, the Government is under strong political pressure to impose low figures for K, possibly on average as little as 2 per cent above inflation.

On the present schedule, authorities have until the end of March to send Deloittes, the Government's accounting adviser, annual projections of 560 accounting figures of costs, revenue and cash flow involving imponderables such as interest rates. Deloittes will then adjust these and recommend K values to the Government in mid-May.

There are already fears projections 10 years ahead could prove unrealistic.

Comment, page27

Soviet minister's London shopping trip

ALAN WELLER

Mr Vladimir Kamentsev, the chairman of the Soviet Union's State Foreign Economic Commission, samples the delights of Western consumerism with Mr David Sainsbury (left) at a Sainsbury store in Kentish Town, London, yesterday. Mr Kamentsev is on a four-day visit to the UK, and today will meet 30 representatives of theCBI in the capital

UK to fight new tax

The Treasury is to maintain firm opposition to a European Commission proposal for a 15 per cent withholding tax on investment income unveiled yesterday in Brussels.

The tax is planned on income earned by non-residents from bonds, bank deposits and other savings accounts. Comment, page 27

SE inquiry

The Stock Exchange is investigating share deals in Personal Computers, the microcomputer dealer, ahead of a £11.5 million agreed bid from P&P, the computer distributor. P&P announced pre-tax profits up 83 per cent to £7.51 million in the year to end-November. Tempus, page 26

Bridon sale

Bridon is selling its 40 per cent stake in TWIL, the wire mesh, fencing and nails group. Tempus, page 26
British Steel buy, page 29

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2354.29 (+7.15)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	32065.12 (+184.47)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	Closed
Amsterdam: Gen	310.7 (+3.0)
Sydney: AO	1501.3 (+9.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1701.2 (+14.2)
Brussels:	
General	5781.02 (+15.62)
Paris: CAC	458.4 (+4.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	639.4 (+5.6)
London:	
FT—A All-Share	1062.84 (+12.05)
FT—"500"	1182.53 (+10.91)
FT: Gold Mines	1662 (+0.4)
FT: Fixed interest	97.18 (+0.10)
FT: Govt Secs	89.29 (+0.41)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	483½p (+20p)
Midland	476½p (+11p)
Nat West	626½p (+25p)
Ryl Bank of Scot	415½p (+13p)
Henderson Admin	780p (+20p)
Ladbroke	530p (+15p)
VG Instruments	296½p (+30p)
Bassett Foods	570p (+10p)
Securicor	580p (+20p)
Davies & Newman	725p (+30p)
Sintrom	137p (+17p)
Carlton Comm	838p (+40p)
Harrison Crosfld	733½p (+30p)
J Smurfit	452½p (+16p)
WPP	687½p (+13p)
FALLS:	
Scottish & New	422p (–7p)
A Cohen	925p (–25p)
Pearson	743p (–9p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	44032
SEAQ Volume	832.3m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month Interbank 13-12$^{15}_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: 12½–12$^{15}_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 9¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 8.50-8.49%*
30-year bonds 102$^{13}_{32}$-102$^{17}_{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7440	£: $1.7415*
£: DM3.2656	$: DM1.8725*
£: SwFr2.7782	$: SwFr1.5920*
£: FFr11.1113	$: FFr6.3735*
£: Yen225.93	$: Yen129.62*
£: Index97.5	$: Index87.8
ECU £0.63972	SDR £0.751848

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $390.40 pm-$390.55
close $390.25-390.75 (£224.00-224.50)
New York:
Comex $390.20-390.70*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Mar) pm $16.05bbl ($16.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

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- News on Stockwatch included: A brokers profit upgrading saw ICI (01348) climb 19p and a buy recommendation took Harrisons and Crossfield (02356) up 29p; Thorn EMI (02017) dipped 5p on profits fears and First Leisure (08056) lost 8p on a bid denial.
- Additions include: Graham Wood 03560; NFC 03561; Torex Hire 03562; Europa Mining 03563.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Ladbroke poised to win T-Line

By Martin Waller

The struggle for Thomson T-Line, the industrial conglomerate which owns Vernons pools, could finally be over, after acceptances of the £186 million offer from Ladbroke by the T-Line board.

Ladbroke was in the market last night trying to make certain of its victory, buying at least 14 per cent as T-Line's share price came back 1p to 90p. This adds to its 1.3 per cent holding, and it has acceptances totalling 11.78 per cent from the T-Line board.

A spokesman for Ladbroke said the industrial businesses owned by T-Line would be sold.

One apparent result of the acceptance from Mr Hugo Biermann and Mr Julian Askin, the two entrepreneurs who built up T-Line, is a small loss suffered by Hanson, which bought more than 4 per cent at up to 94p and accepted the 90p Ladbroke offer yesterday in respect of its holding.

Minorco delayed by EEC inquiry

By Colin Campbell

Minorco, now cleared by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to bid again for Consolidated Gold Fields, will have to wait "at least two weeks" for the verdict of the European Commission which will determine whether the Luxembourg-based investment group can proceed with its original ConsGold takeover plans.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EEC Competition Commissioner, says competition officials will need that time to hear representations from both parties.

The hold-up is thus likely to stretch to the limit the 21-day period during which, under City Takeover rules, Minorco can relaunch its bid.

A Minorco board meeting is understood to be scheduled for February 16, at which a final decision on whether to rebid will be made.

Meanwhile, the war of words between Mr Rudolph Agnew, ConsGold chairman, and Sir Michael Edwardes, Minorco's deputy chairman, continues.

Mr Agnew, responding to Sir Michael's criticism of talks ConsGold held last autumn with Placer Dome, when ConsGold's 49 per cent stake in Newmont Mining was discussed, says Newmont "is one of the jewels" in the ConsGold crown.

"It is nonsense for Sir Michael to suggest that because of an unpromoted approach ConsGold was interested in selling the Newmont stake. If Sir Michael had a background in natural resources and understood gold mining, rather than asset stripping, he would not make such ludicrous statements."

This week Newmont said its gold reserves increased last year by 1.34 million ounces to 16.3 million ounce, the largest reserves of any North American producer.

News Corp issues to raise £230m

By Our City Staff

The News Corporation, Mr Rupert Murdoch's international media group, is raising about £230 million by issues of securities convertible into part of its 18 per cent holding in Pearson, the finance, publishing and leisure company which owns the *Financial Times*.

Following similar issues a year ago, News Corporation has now refinanced the whole of its stake in Pearson.

The convertible issues have the effect of reducing the cost of holding the 44.5 million Pearson shares.

But The News Corporation retains the flexibility to supply a cash equivalent instead of Pearson shares when the securities are converted.

The issues are being made by Cayman Islands subsidiaries of the group and are lead managed by Credit Suisse First Boston.

About £150 million and 100 million Dutch florins (£27 million) are being raised through issues of new convertible preference shares and there is a further DM175 million (£54 million) offering of convertible bonds.

The final terms will be fixed later, but the securities are expected to carry coupons in the range of 5 per cent to 7¾ per cent, well below the cost of loan finance.

Elders 'faces earnings drop'

By Wolfgang Münchau

Elders IXL, the Australian brewing group, is expected to report a fall in earnings per share in the current year, says ANZ McCaughan Securities, the Australian broker.

ANZ's forecast is likely to fuel market expectations that Elders needs a big acquisition well before the end of its financial year in June, in order to avert possible earnings dilution.

In a brokers' circular ANZ forecasts earnings per share of 39 Australian cents (20p), a fall from last year's 39.83 cents readjusted for a one-for-five bonus issue in December, against previous market expectations of a rise to more than 40 cents.

ANZ revised its net profits forecast down from Aus$790 million to Aus$700 million (against Aus$684.9 million in the year to June 1988) because Elders' Agribusiness division is operating at about 25 per cent below budget. Last year it accounted for 13 per cent of Elders' operating profits and 57 per cent of revenue. Elders is currently awaiting the outcome of an MMC inquiry into its £1.6 billion bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. As an alternative to a bid for S&N, Elders Investments, a 100 per cent owned Elders IXL subsidiary, is preparing the ground for a possible offer for all or part of MB Group.

Elders IXL is due to report its interim results for the six months to end-December next Tuesday. According to the forecast, these will show a rise in net profit from Aus$272 million to Aus$315 million, with earnings per share up from 16.1c to 17.6c.

Operating losses since Big Bang reach £190m

Shine taken off the gilt-edged market

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

It must be the most expensive club in London, unless there is another organization which charges its members an average of more than £3.5 million a year.

The club in question is the gilt-edged market, and its management, the Bank of England, revealed yesterday that members had run up a total of £190 million in operating losses in the period since Big Bang — October 27, 1986.

The Bank's figure for gilt market-making losses, contained in a special article released ahead of the publication of the February *Quarterly Bulletin*, is rather larger than unofficial guesses.

It helps explain why the number of market-makers in gilts has shrunk from an original 27 in October 1986, to 22 now. It begs the question of why there have not been even more withdrawals.

The market began with gilt-edged market-makers' capital of £595 million. This has been supplemented with a further injection of £85 million of capital, while a net £70 million has disappeared from the market as firms have withdrawn from market-making. Operating losses of £190 million reduced market-makers' capital further, so that by the end of 1988 it was £420 million.

The Bank's article underlines the fact that the gains accruing from the new-style gilt market have been unevenly distributed. The Bank is perfectly happy with the market.

"The new market structure has achieved a considerable measure of success in meeting the objectives identified at the outset," the Bank says, and these objectives included more liquidity, greater competition and the widespread use of the latest technology.

Investors using the market are generally happy with things, according to soundings made by the Bank last year. But the market-makers, sitting on cumulative operating losses of £190 million, and operating in the new environment of public sector debt repayments and new issue starvation, are not so joyful.

Not that things are entirely black. There have been two periods in which most of the losses were made. The first was about the time of the June 1987 election, when far too many market-makers gambled and lost, to the tune of £4 million a week.

The second period, from just after the March 1988 Budget until the end of the year, was a difficult market environment but, in similar circumstances to those prevailing in mid-1987, market-makers halved their losses to £2 million a week, by being better at it. The Bank cites clear progress "up the learning curve" by market-makers.

In the final quarter of last year, a third of market-makers were in profit, and a third kept losses to under £1 million.

In addition, while the supply of new issues from the Bank has dried up, and the Bank has been buying in gilts from the market market-makers have moved into other fixed interest areas.

For the market-makers, and the Bank, the hope is that public fixed interest borrowing will be replaced by its private sector counterpart.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Soviet restructuring hits Dowty venture

Dowty Group's mining equipment unit said restructuring, or perestroika, in the Soviet Union has delayed a planned coal joint venture. Mr Bill Acton, a director of Dowty Mining Equipment, said responsibility for coal production allocation had been moved from Moscow to individual regions.

Dowty would receive coal in payment for the venture — a mining equipment factory — and then sell it abroad. Mr Acton said the delay arose because Dowty's Soviet partners now had to go around the regions to receive coal commitments to fund the venture.

Hanson sells subsidiary

Hanson said it has signed a definitive agreement to sell its Hygrade Food Products Corporation subsidiary to Sara Lee Corporation for $140 million (£80.36 million) in cash and the assumption of debt. Hygrade makes processed meats and had sales of $244.9 million and pre-tax profits of $12.1 million for the year to end-September.

Trust ahead 31% to £8.8m

Scottish American Investment Trust yesterday reported pre-tax income up 31 per cent up to £8.8 million for 1988. Earnings are up 30 per cent to 2.81p a share and the net asset value per share has gone up 9.6 per cent to 112p a share. The final dividend is up 23 per cent to 2.57p a share. The shares rose 1½p to 103½p.

St Modwen doubles

St Modwen Properties, the property development and investment company, more than doubled pre-tax profits, up from £2.62 million to £5.33 million on turnover up from £13.1 million to £17.3 million in the year to end-November. The company's annual rent roll is now in excess of £3 million and more than covers the overhead costs.

The company said that gearing had been reduced to 21 per cent. Earnings per share rose from 2.2p to 3.5p. Net asset value per share was up from a previous 20.3p to 29.0p. The final and total dividend for the year is 0.8p (0.5p).

Sovereign Oil gives up well

Sovereign Oil & Gas has abandoned its first deep exploration well on the Welsh border in licence block EXL 080. But Sovereign said that it planned further seismic work on the adjacent licence block, EXL 158 in Hereford and Worcester, in the spring. Sovereign shares rose 3½p to 177½p on the news.

TR City in 35% advance

TR City of London raised pre-tax revenue 35 per cent to £4.26 million in the six months to end-December. The net asset value per share rose 9 per cent to 85.9p a share. Directors say the outlook is "excellent", but are cautious on the impact of the high pound and interest rates on consumer-related sectors later this year.

Sutherland at £2.9m

Sutherland Holdings, the USM-quoted food group, almost trebled pre-tax profits from £980,000 to £2.9 million on turnover up from £49.2 million to £85.4 million for the 52 weeks to end-December. The increase was a result of a manufacturing rationalization and a capital investment programme. The year-end has been changed to end-April.

The company has reduced its exposure in the slaughtering business through the sale of three slaughtering plants. Earnings per share rose to 6.85p (2.5p). The dividend for the period is 0.85p compared with a total of 1.1p for 1987.

TEMPUS

Generous look to bid terms for PC

Personal Computers was cock-a-hoop over its contract to supply equipment for the Jean Michel Jarre lasers-and-synthesizers extravaganza in London's Docklands last year. But the rain poured down, the crowds stayed away and PC probably lost a great deal of money.

PC's City critics say the episode was typical of the company's fortunes. But PC's relationships with the Square Mile have never been good, especially since PC blamed City institutions who had not paid their bills for £750,000 of provisions it had to make in the current year.

So the £11.5 million bid from P&P, chaired by Professor Roland Smith, is seen as a clear rescue by a company that runs a tight ship, and in this light the terms, one new P&P for each PC, look generous. P&P is acquiring a large slice of the market in the South, some much-needed premises, a further 12 big corporate customers and annual turnover of £35 million, while moving into equal first place in the personal computer distribution market in this country with its rival MBS.

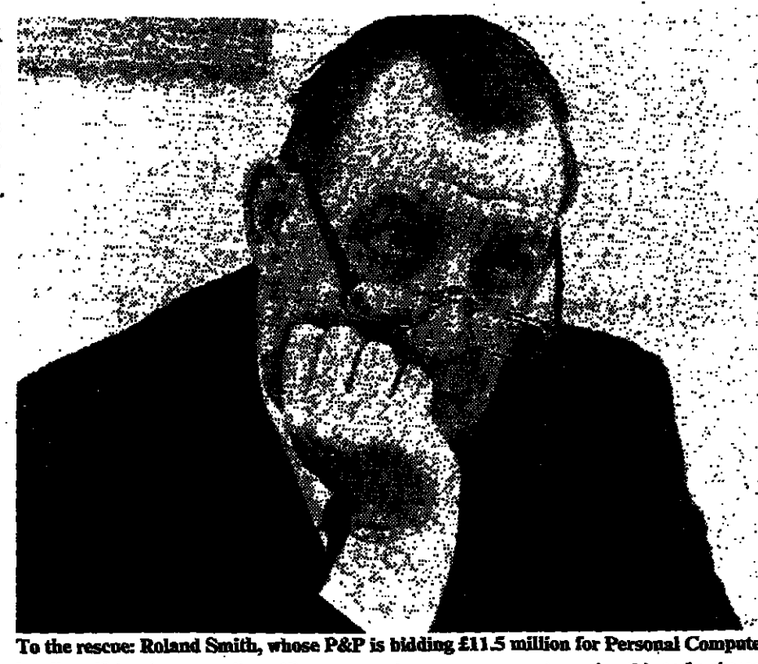
It is also acquiring debts of £5 million and debtors of £7.5 million. PC has already said it will make a substantial loss in the first half of its financial year, to end-November, and its profits contribution to its new parent over the next nine months is unlikely to top £500,000.

News of the acquisition, marred by an apparent leak which saw buying orders in the barely-traded PC shares the night before, was greeted with a marked lack of enthusiasm, the shares edging back 1p to 230p in yesterday's roaring market.

This was despite some full-year figures from P&P itself which showed pre-tax profits up 83 per cent to £7.5 million and earnings per share 57 per cent ahead. The company was running on net margins increased from 5.69 per cent to 7.05 per cent, with 8 per cent the target for this year.

Mr Patrick Wellington, electronics analyst at County NatWest WoodMac, is looking for £10.5 million pre-tax from the enlarged group, implying an expensive price-earnings multiple of 12.3, while the prospective dividend yield is an unexciting 3.2 per cent.

Until the benefits of the PC purchase are demonstrated, therefore, the shares should make little headway.



To the rescue: Roland Smith, whose P&P is bidding £11.5 million for Personal Computers

Union Discount

The Chancellor has not made life easy for discount houses over the past year. If proof were needed, Union Discount's results confirm what a catastrophic time it has been.

Discount houses rarely make much money when interest rates are rising, and never before have there been nine base rate rises in a row. The problem became more acute because Union had been expecting a rise in rates early last year and was caught in February with its trading book the wrong way round. That meant big losses.

Union feels that limiting the damage to a two-thirds drop in profits was a pretty good performance, and no doubt it is right. But it shows how little the company has really managed to stabilize its earnings by diversifying into non-discount house activities.

These now include futures, leasing, market-making in smaller equities and fund management. They made up 40 per cent of disclosed group profits — an impressive figure until one remembers just how small that profit is. In a good year for the discount house business, the contribution from other activities would be relatively insignificant.

Compared with some of its more successfully diversified competitors Union's shares look expensive at about 520p. The 7.7 per cent yield is above that of most other discount houses, mainly on bid expectations (probably misplaced) arising from Sir Ron Brierley's 17 per cent stake.

The shares are also being held up by Union's generous dividend, up 1.3p to 30p. Company policy is to keep dividends in line with inflation but this year's increase, in the face of such a drop in profits, suggests great confidence in the profit prospects for 1989.

Certainly, the prospects will improve since we must now be at, or near, the top of the interest rate cycle. Union expects the credit squeeze to last at least until mid-summer as the Government gets the pain over and done with early in its current term of office. This means that most of Union's profits will be made in the second half of the year. Assuming this to be the case, disclosed profits of about £8 million seem likely. But that is still well below the 1987 result.

Bridon

Untying the TWIL knot has taken the new management at Bridon a couple of tough-talking years. It was well worth the trouble. One way or another, the wire ropes group can claim to be £50 million better off for ridding itself of a 40 per cent stake in an admittedly profitable company where it had no management control and which contributed £1.3 million in dividends last year.

The origins of the TWIL stake, and its reduced, 25 per cent voting rights, are obscured in the mists of pre-war history, but the investment was one that a virile new management, bent on restructuring one of Britain's oldest industrial companies, was unlikely to live with indefinitely.

Few, however, could have foreseen that the disentangling could have been achieved at such a good price. The deal hoists Bridon's net assets to £118 million, giving it almost full net asset backing. The companies clawed back from the deal earned £3 million last year, the cash, uninvested, will yield another £3 million, and analysts, in any case, are currently upgrading the group trading forecasts.

Mr Rory Sweetman of BZW reckons Bridon will report £14 million for 1988, against a rationalization and redundancy-hit 1987 figure of £7.7 million. Now £20 million looks possible for the current year, and, given the nature of the TWIL de-merger scheme, the tax charge will fall too, enhancing earnings further.

Some of the cash has been tentatively earmarked for Bridon's planned acquisition of Bethlehem Steel's substantial, though currently unprofitable, wire rope operations, a deal mooted six months ago but becoming increasingly enmeshed in the red tape of the Federal Trade Commission. But there are other options, and a deal in Europe does not look too far away.

While hard to be precise, in the wake of this and other changes within the group, it seems clear that even at the peak of yesterday's surge, 200p, the prospective 1989 p/e is well short of double figures. Expect the buyers back once the sums have been done.

November rise in American tourists

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The number of North American tourists visiting Britain in November showed an increase of 23 per cent over the figure a year before. During the first 11 months of last year visitor traffic was down 2 per cent.

Overall, overseas visitors, which includes business travellers as well as tourists, rose 11 per cent in November, to 1.04 million, compared with November 1987. A fifth of these were from north America. The number of visitors from western Europe rose 13 per cent.

Britons made 1.7 million visits abroad in November, a 6 per cent rise. The continued popularity of the United States as a destination was shown by the 21 per cent increase in the number of Britons going there.

The travel account of the UK balance of payments is estimated to have ended up with a £55 million deficit in November, compared with a £27 million surplus the year before.

Virani pays Brent Walker £15.5m for public houses

By Michael Tate

Mr Nazmu Virani's Control Securities is paying Mr George Walker's Brent Walker leisure and property group £15.56 million cash for 84 London public houses.

The houses are part of the 386-strong estate Mr Walker acquired from Grand Metropolitan for £47.5 million last March.

The deal establishes Control as one of the country's largest independent public house chains, with 544 houses nationwide — as the brewing industry awaits the Monopolies and Mergers Commission findings on the the tied-house system. Only last month, it bought 128 freehold public houses from GrandMet in a £21 million deal, and also recently acquired, for £18 million, the Belhaven Brewery of Edinburgh, which it sold two years before for £25 million.

Mr Virani said the group is "well on its way to its strategic objective of having a major network of freehold public houses throughout Britain."

Many of the public houses acquired will become "jewels in our leisure division's crown," he added. All are free of tie, "which permits us not only to meet consumer choice but also to increase our Belhaven production." Belhaven has been running at only a quarter of its 100,000 barrels a year capacity.

For Brent Walker, which paid the Barclay brothers £325 million in December for East Anglian Tollemache & Cobbold Breweries, the deal brings another chunk of cash to trim group borrowings. It has realized more than £20 million by selling 100 of the former GrandMet public houses.

Another record for Nissan UK

Nissan UK, the independent company with the sole rights to import and distribute Nissan vehicles in Britain, achieved record pre-tax profits of £132 million in the year to July 31, against £100 million last time, which was also a record.

Turnover rose from £796 million to £1.2 billion on a preliminary basis. In calendar 1988, the company distributed half the output of Bluebirds produced by Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) — the British unit of Nissan Motor of Japan — and all imported Nissan cars and commercial vehicles, including the Micra model.

The Micra has been Nissan's best selling model in Britain and production is due to start at Nissan Motor's plant in Washington, Tyne and Wear, in 1992. Nissan UK is controlled by Mr Octav Botnar, the chairman and managing director. Nissan Motor has held talks with Mr Botnar about the purchase of a 25 per cent stake in Nissan UK. But no talks are underway at present after a lack of progress in the past two years.

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	1988 £m	1987 £m	% INCREASE	% COMPOUND GROWTH P.A. OVER 5 YEARS
Sales	2,044	1,778	15	16
Profit before tax	232	180	29	23
Earnings per share (net)	22.0p	16.3p	35	22
Dividends per share	8.4p	7.1p	18	15
Net assets per share	£2.87	£2.02	42	28

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British Gas criticized over outline of new price system

By Colin Narbrough

Mr James McKinnon, Director General of Gas Supply, last night expressed disappointment over the outline of the new pricing structure for industrial users announced by British Gas.

He said the information given yesterday should have been sufficient to enable consumers to comment on the changes, but this had not been the case where key price bands were concerned. In the absence of such information, Mr McKinnon proposed there should be about 10 bands.

In outlining the new system, due to come into force on April 1, British Gas gave no indication of the actual price changes it will bring. The new prices should be announced early next month with details of the pricing bands the company is being obliged to publish in line with recommendations of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The MMC last year found that British Gas was abusing its monopoly position and called for changes intended to ensure fairer treatment of big industrial users and more openness on pricing.

In a letter to 20,000 industrial users, British Gas yesterday said the MMC accepted that the change would lead to price increases for some customers. The company regretted this, but was unable for the moment to say how individual contracts will be affected.

It said it will no longer be able to negotiate prices with individual contract customers. Terms and prices will be applied through a number of officially published schedules.

The interim information in the letter described the format of the schedules, the types of contract, the flexibility of terms offered and some likely effects of the changes. Under the new system customers will choose the pricing class they want from the published schedules. They will also be able to choose from an adjustable price escalation formula or fixed price contracts.

A firm supply of gas will be available to any customer, to be supplied without interruption, ending discrimination between different types of user. Customers using more than 250,000 therms a year per premise will, however be able to opt for interruptible supplies at a price advantage.

Contracts, which have been mostly for one year, will be offered for one or two years. Prices will reflect the volume band into which the annual load falls. Some customers will gain a price advantage from single contracts covering all their premises.

BSA to vote on Abbey as member

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

The Building Societies Association will vote today on whether to allow the Abbey National to remain a member if it discards its building society status.

The 24-man BSA council, which includes Mr Peter Birch, chief executive of the Abbey, is under pressure to make a decision on allowing non-building societies into the fold because this requires a change of rules which has to be voted on at an annual general meeting. The BSA's next annual meeting is in Guernsey in early May, and it will be the only opportunity to push the change through before the Abbey's planned flotation.

The BSA has 110 members. The largest five contribute one-third of its income and the Abbey alone 9 per cent — or nearly £215,000. The fragmentation of the mortgage lending market has already led the association to investigate whether an association of mortgage lenders, open to banks and new-style lenders such as the Mortgage Corporation, should be run alongside the BSA. A working party has been looking at this since the summer.

The relationship between the BSA and the Abbey has not always been harmonious — it was the Abbey which broke the mortgage cartel. But the Abbey is relaxed about the outcome of the vote, believing that in the long run, the BSA must widen its scope to represent all mortgage lenders.

Building societies now account for about 65 per cent of mortgage lending, the clearing banks about 20 per cent and new lenders about 10 per cent.

COMMENT

Flotation is heading into deeper water

The dispute over the statutory water companies steep projected price rises for 1989-90 has done nothing to help the already doubtful prospects for privatization of the 10 water authorities. There has, until now, been enough confusion over the links between water price inflation and privatization to fudge the issue. Prices would, in any case, have had to rise ahead of inflation to pay for investment in water and river quality.

But a once-for-all price adjustment by the statutory companies would be a direct consequence of the legislation. There is a political alternative. A special element could be injected into the price regime for the companies to spread the pain over 10 years.

Most of the damage has now been done, however, not least because the Water Companies Association has taken its chances to air its view that the traditional dividend control formula was better for the consumer. There is a certain justice in the companies being such a source of embarrassment, first through the unpopular French invasion. For they were neglected and forgotten in the pathetically inadequate thinking that has gone into the Department of the Environment's prolonged water privatization plan.

The result, however, is that the Bill is now widely unpopular. This has bad implications for the planned November flotation. The Government has the strongest political incentive to impose a harsh regime on the authorities, in terms of future prices, standards of service and penalties for lapses.

It is going to be hard to combine this with selling the shares to millions of consumers. Profit growth in the core businesses will look poor, especially if shareholders are to receive little benefit from debt-financed investment. Any excitement would therefore have to come from new activities, which will takeyears to make much impact, or from the beneficial effects of high inflation on groups with hefty fixed or financial costs — hardly a usable selling point.

Fortunately, there will be a gap between the political rows and the flotation, even if that is not put back from November. It will still be difficult to paint a completely different, though generally more truthful picture of water authorities as a slim, efficient process industry.

The shares will have to be sold as a cheap income stock. To achieve that as well as providing some good publicity over water prices, the Government has a strong incentive to write off most of the industry's debt rather than simply shifting it around.

That was certainly not the intention. Indeed, water is an industry that ought to be able to carry high debt without undue risk, as the statutory water companies have long demonstrated. But, in this privatization, nothing has so far gone to plan.

Withholding judgement

The City's attitude to the Community-wide withholding tax proposals unveiled in Brussels yesterday was that there is no point in getting excited until the Commission's suggestion of a 15 per cent tax on investment income has been through the negotiating mangle.

This view has something to be said in its favour. Both Britain and Luxembourg have made it clear that they will not countenance the introduction of the tax in its present form. The Chancellor objects in principle to the idea that a sop has to be provided to the French in the form of a new Europe-wide tax, in return for the removal of remaining capital controls in the Community.

The proposals that have emerged from the Commission are, in any case, far from completely baked. The tax has at its basis the prevention of tax evasion in a new, control-free Europe. But it is hard see how the application of the tax to the wholesale money markets (Eurobonds are excluded) furthers this aim.

Economic Secretary Peter Lilley will be taking Britain's objections to Brussels early next week. It may be that, after all the huff and puff, Britain will settle for the new tax, although ideally at a lower rate, as long as the list of exemptions is the same as those which apply on composite rate tax. Luxembourg's objections, and the likely loss of her tax haven status if the proposal goes through, may be harder to buy off.

Even so, the proposal underlines one of the difficulties of European integration, of which there will be many more. A fiscal, regulatory and supervisory environment which satisfies all member countries will, in most cases, look like a lowest common denominator designed by a committee.

In a Europe free of exchange controls, it is desirable that, ultimately, the same tax environment applies on investment income throughout the Community. But if the tax environment is too harsh, investment is driven offshore.

The Treasury takes the view on this, and on VAT, that any such harmonization will come about gradually, as a result of competitive pressures, and cannot be imposed at the outset. But the French Ministry of Finance, clearly concerned that if the tax is not imposed at the outset, there will be nothing left to tax, has other ideas. And the eventual outcome, like the Commission's proposal yesterday, may be a soggy and unworkable compromise.

Leading Leisure doubles to £5m

By Martin Waller

A strong performance from property development activities helped lift pre-tax profits at Leading Leisure, the public house, betting shops and casinos group chaired by Mr Barry Malizia, from £2.40 million to £5.15 million in the year to end-October.

There is a final 1.5p dividend making a 2p total, an increase of 66 per cent.

The company, quoted on the Third Market, had planned a full listing in the last half of 1988, but delayed for a year because of market conditions and two planning appeals. Mr Malizia, however, was confident a new target date would be met.

The construction and property side, which includes a substantial amount of land under development on the Isle of Wight and the nearby mainland, raised operating profits 170 per cent to £7.73 million. The leisure division increased 124 per cent to £2.72 million.

The third division — security — slipped into a £1.73 million loss because of poor quality control, but the business would shortly be sold, said Mr Malizia. It was bought two years ago, bringing with it property assets, since developed. "I don't think we will suffer any significant drop on book values, which are £1.5 million."

JAMES MORGAN

Crusading spirit: Mr Malizia at his Winchester theme centre yesterday

Debts of £10m for failed Hall Russell

By Our City Staff

Aberdeen shipbuilder Hall Russell, the last shipbuilding facility on the Scottish east coast, has crashed with debts of £10 million, it was revealed yesterday.

The yard, which employs 435 people, went into receivership last November, after experiencing difficulties in the contracting shipbuilding market.

Of the debt, £5 million was owed unsecured trade creditors, £3 million was for contingent liabilities that had not yet emerged as creditors' claims, and £2 million was owed to preferred creditors, including the Government and Inland Revenue.

Regarding the 700 unsecured trade creditors who are owed sums up to £500,000, joint receiver Mr Frank Bain, of Cork Gully, said: "They can expect nothing as an outcome of the receivership."

Negotiations are proceeding for a sale of the yard to Zenta Engineering, a Glasgow ship repairing company.

Goldman tops takeover advice league

Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, was ahead of all other banks in Britain and the US as an adviser on mergers and acquisitions last year, according to the latest rankings by Extel Financial/IDD.

Its participation in only 12 deals in Britain, worth £8.3 billion, put Goldman top for the value of its deals. J Henry Schroder Wagg, the merchant bank, was second with 60 deals worth £8.2 billion. County NatWest, merchant banking arm of National Westminster, was third with 59 deals worth £5.3 billion.

Profits slump at Union Discount

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Union Discount, London's largest discount house, suffered a 70 per cent drop in its disclosed profits for 1988 as repeated rises in interest rates damaged its performance.

Profits plunged from £11 million to £3.4 million in one of the worst years for the discount market in a long time. Mr Graeme Gilchrist, the managing director, said that Union had been expecting rates to rise early in 1988 — and was caught out by a sudden fall in March. He added: "The conduct of monetary policy in 1988 was erratic."

But he said that interest rates were unlikely to rise much further and might begin to fall later this year, ending 1989 at about 11 to 12 per cent. The group continued to add to its non-discount market activities. These other operations contributed 40 per cent of the disclosed profit.

The total dividend is being raised by 4.6 per cent to 30p.

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Bush approves Monsanto sale

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President George Bush has taken his first important decision regarding the sale of US companies on national security grounds and has allowed Monsanto to sell its semiconductor subsidiary to a West German company.

The decision has been watched on both sides of the Atlantic for signs of the Administration's policy on foreign acquisitions of key US companies.

White House officials said that Mr Bush decided to accept the recommendations of a government panel and allow the sale to go forward in spite of the strong protest of the US Commerce and Defence departments that it would endanger national security.

Monsanto is the sole US producer of 80-inch silicone wafers which are vital to the production of advanced semiconductors. It plans to sell this unit, Monsanto Electronics Materials Company of Palo Alto, California, to Heuls, a subsidiary of the West German Veba chemical group.

Under US trade law passed last year, President Bush has the power to block foreign acquisitions of US companies if they are seen as endangering the national security.

A high level panel, chaired by the US Treasury, reviewed the takeover request and concluded that there was no evidence that the West German firm would take actions that would impair security.

In addition, the Treasury-led panel, which also included members of the Council of Economic Advisers and the Office of Management and Budgets, sought and received assurances from the chairman of Heuls that there would be no disruptions in supplies.

White House officials said that Mr Bush is opposed to tough restrictions on foreign investment and intends to work to lift such restrictions against US investment abroad. This was the primary reason for allowing the Monsanto sale to proceed.

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Changing gear for a little Little

Nigel Little, regarded even by his rivals as one of the best equity salesmen in the City, is to become a director of Panmure Gordon with effect from Monday. A month ago Little, aged 34, abruptly left the American securities house Morgan Stanley — where he had been head of the UK equity desk — after a difference of management opinion about the direction of future expansion. At Panmure, which is owned, at arm's length, by the North Carolina National Bank, he will join a 30-strong sales team. Little established his reputation in his 10 years with James Capel, and joined Morgan Stanley just 15 months ago. "Panmure is an established name, run more like a partnership, and what I want now is a happy working environment and stability," Little tells me. Among the top producers in the Square Mile, his salary package at Morgan Stanley matched his ability — his car allowance there was so generous that it enabled him to run both a Porsche and a BMW. "But my Porsche-driving days are over," he says. The father of a 15-month-old daughter, he adds: "I'm moving towards middle age and need something much more staid." Panmure will, me-thinks, be very relieved.

New faces

Panmure Gordon also says it is looking to expand its institutional equity sales, research and corporate financee divisions still further. To these various ends it has recruited more than 30 newcomers in the past couple of months. Among them are analysts Trissan McCarthy, from Smith New Court, who specialized in electronics and telecoms, and Roddy McKelvie, who covered the brewing sector for Fielding Newson Smith.

Holmes signs

John Holmes, the man who helped create the now largely dismantled Morgan Grenfell Securities and became its chief executive, has, after weeks of negotiations with a number of firms, signed a contract with Morgan Stanley. He starts next month after a two-centre holiday in Florida and then skiing at his ranch in the Rockies. He has been made a managing director of Morgan Stanley — it has 20 in London — and will be responsible for UK and European equity sales. Holmes replaces David Neeson, who tells me that he will be working alongside him for between three and six months before launching a "new business initiative" for the firm.

Looks like another post-crash high"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

No gain without pain

Staff at Union Discount should not be taken in by the genial demeanour of Graeme Gilchrist, the managing director. Voicing his fears that the Chancellor might be tempted to reduce interest rates too hastily, Gilchrist — speaking as the company unveiled its results yesterday — drew several analogies with his own employees. "If I get fed up with my staff there's no point continually beating them once a week because they'll get used to it. I'll have to start beating them twice a week to make it hurt. We are now used to 13 per cent interest rates and if they start to come down we'll all say: 'Well, that wasn't too bad, was it?' It has got to be painful. I shall feel that monetary policy is working when I hear members of my staff saying that they can't afford to take their holidays." You had better cancel them now, chaps.

Victor victorious

Legendary drinks guru Victor MacColl is back. MacColl, who left Kleinwort Grieveson in November, has, I can reveal, landed a job as a director of Marshall & Co, an institutional agency broker and corporate finance house based in Southampton Place, Holborn. MacColl, one of the most popular characters in the City, is due to start in 10 days and will, of course, specialize as an analyst-cum-salesman in the leisure sector — which includes the breweries. Marshall was launched a little over two years ago as a wholly owned subsidiary of Lombard, Odier & Co, a leading private Swiss bank. Although Marshall is not a well-known name within the Square Mile, it has an enviable client list. Its research and corporate finance business is concentrated in those sectors it regards as most active — leisure, property, investment trusts and financial services. Towards the end of last year it recruited rugby-playing Tony Sharp from Phillips & Drew as a senior dealing director.

● **Companies delay their results and acquisitions for all sorts of complicated reasons, but not so in the case of Bonstead, which yesterday revealed that it was buying component group Elmec for £1.5 million. The ink was dry on the deal on Monday, but the announcement was held up because the Far Eastern markets were closed for the Chinese New Year. Bonstead owns two-thirds of Singapore-quoted Bonsteadco.**

Carol Leonard

Referee to rule on Imra complaints

By Vivien Goldsmith, Family Money Editor

A referee has been appointed by the Investment Management Regulatory Organization (Imra) to sort out complaints from investors.

Mr Richard Youard, who retires from Slaughter and May, the City solicitor, at the end of April to take up the part-time job, will be able to make awards of up to £100,000. Disputes will be solved by a process of conciliation and arbitration.

Mr Youard, aged 56, sees his referee role as "legal but not legalistic."

"In football terms the referee knows what the rules are, the players subscribe to those rules and he makes the players stick to the rules. He does not make sure that the best man wins. That is why a referee is different from an ombudsman who will say who should win."

He will consider each case on its merits, often by talking to both parties in his offices. An annual report will highlight the significant decisions.

Although appointed by Imro, Mr Youard is independent and will work from separate offices in the City with the help of a registrar and a panel of outside referees who will help if the workload becomes too heavy.

"I would not have taken the job unless I was assurred of my independence," Mr Youard said.

The conciliation and arbitration service is free for the public.

Imro receives about 40 or 50 complaints a month, of which about 15 are followed through.

Mr Youard's role was called "a referee" after a competition among Imro staff to find a suitable name.

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Alld-Lyons	3,428	Cookson	3,069	Lonrho	7,173	Sedgwick	1,815
Amstrad	8,028	Courtaulds	1,811	Lucas	945	Shell	4,018
ASDA	3,438	Dalgety	2,903	Magnet	1,285	Siebe	1,291
AB Foods	1,167	Dixons	8,019	M&S	2,454	Slough	811
Argyll	4,208	ECC	1,174	Maxwell Cm	3,594	Smith & N	4,706
BAA	2,047	Enterprise	743	MB Group	870	Smth WH	716
BET	3,093	Ferranti	3,923	MEPC	517	Smiths Ind	1,825
BTR	5,545	Fisons	6,341	Midland	1,983	STC	2,574
BAT	6,070	FKI Babck	7,362	NatWest	4,249	Stan Chart	1,203
Barclays	2,437	Gateway Cp	3,381	Next	3,853	Storehse	3,908
Bass	697	Gen Acc	489	Nth Food	266	Sun Allnce	1,060
Beecham	5,833	GEC	6,971	P&O	2,637	T & N	3,063
Beazer	1,080	Glaxo	4,326	Pearl	897	Tarmac	3,170
Bensid SW	2,268	Globe Inv	260	Pearson	1,381	Tate & Lyle	3,567
BICC	582	Glynwed	2,286	Pilkington	4,404	Taylor Wood	125
Blue Arrw	17,406	Granada	1,155	Plessey	1,405	TSB	10,410
Blue Circle	1,923	Grand Met	4,312	Polly Peck	1,829	Tesco	3,582
BOC	2,860	GUS 'A'	499	Prudential	7,079	Thorn EMI	3,394
Boots	2,445	GRE	893	Racal	5,783	Trafalgar	3,151
BPB	3,160	GKN	2,847	Racal Tele	3,971	THF	11,520
Br Aero	2,797	Guinness	2,286	Rk Hovis	832	Ultramar	4,557
Br Airways	3,703	Hamm 'A'	361	Rank	824	Unigate	422
Br Comm	4,739	Hanson	15,504	R&C	423	Unilever	1,690
Br Gas	12,706	H & C	599	Redland	857	United Bis	1,822
Br Land	2,001	Hawker	1,495	Reed	2,568	Utd News	1,907
Br Petrol	2,902	Hillsdown	2,686	Reuters	941	Wellcome	867
Br Steel	22,726	IMI	803	RMC Gp	341	Whitbrd	1,049
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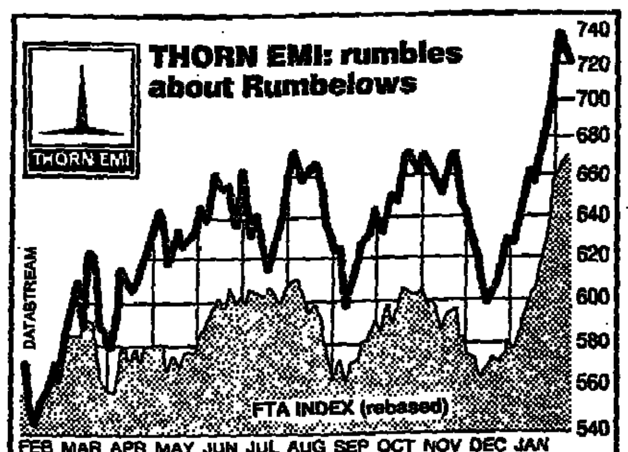
Bunzl	1,303	Inchcape	1,761	R-Royce	8,891	Wilks Fab	1,121
Burmah	2,076	Jaguar	3,429	Rothmn 'B'	224	Wimpey G	4,477
Burton	7,333	Lasmo	1,498	Royal Bank	1,300	Woolworth	705
C&W	2,437	Ladbroke	2,899	Royal Ins	3,995		
Cadbury	3,195	Land Sec	2,087	Saatchi	1,445	Full list of Equities on page 31	
Coats	2,347	Laporte	990	Sainsbury	1,963		

STOCK MARKETS

Index fails the 2,100 test but moves to another peak



Three attempts by investors to push the equity market through the 2,100 level ended in failure, although prices again managed to close at a post- crash peak for the third consecutive day.

But last night dealers gave a warning that the chances of the market breaching the psychologically important level of 2,100 — and consolidating its position above that — before the start of the new account on Monday are now receding. Prices have risen so far in such a short space of time that some profit-taking will be inevitable today and tomorrow.

The FT-SE 100 index added another 23.4 points to close at 2,096.2, having touched 2,106.1 at its best. The FT-SE has now risen by more than 300 points, or 17 per cent, since the start of the New Year and some fund managers may have decided that it is now time to cash in some of their profits. However, with too much cash chasing too few shares, any setback may well prove temporary.

Prices started in a confident mood, boosted by the news of another record-breaking run in Tokyo and further strong gains on Wall Street. In London, market-makers, short of stock, continued to come under pressure and must have been relieved to see early signs of profit-taking. But there are growing fears that some firms have suffered large losses in trying to cover their short positions.

A total of 832 million shares were traded on the Stock Exchange's computerized trading system (Seaq) with the narrower FT index of 30 shares also gaining 19.8 at 1,714.7 after being 26 points up.

Once again, there were good gains for most blue chips. **Glaxo** rose 18p to £12.87, **Beecham**, 13p to 585p, **BOC**, 23p to 514p and **Ladbroke**, 16p to 530p.

The privatization issues saw **British Gas** firm by 2p to 184½p, **British Telecom**, 1p to 281p, **Jaguar**, 5p to 327p, **Associated British Ports**, 11p to 527p and **BAA**, 8p to 319p.

An impressive performance by the pound helped government securities which closed with gains stretching to £1½ at the longer end.

Thorn EMI moved against the trend, falling 10p to 718p, following a downgrading by Warburg Securities, Thorn's own broker. The word is that Warburg has reduced its estimate of Thorn's pre-tax profits for the current year (to March 31) by £7 million to £285 million. It has also lopped £10 million from its forecast of £335 million for 1989-90.

Nu-Swift, the firefighting equipment group where Mr Michael Ashcroft holds a 20 per cent stake, rose 3p to an all-time high of 443p. The group has been buying-in *more of its own shares at* 438p. Full year figures in April should see pre-tax *profits surging £6 million to* £30 million.

Warburg blames Rumbelows, Thorn's subsidiary which retails electrical goods, for the downgrading. It says that retailers of white goods have been feeling the pinch. They have been hit by high interest rates and slack demand. Even Christmas failed to live up to expectations.

Warburg believes that Rumbelows has concentrated on a sales mix which contains a high service content — which produces heavier overheads.

Last year, Rumbelows managed to achieve a break-even situation and it is unlikely to do much better this time. But the rest of Thorn is firing on all cylinders. Warburg remains "fairly positive" about prospects for the group and says that it is urging its clients to add to their holdings. However, it still expects the outperformance of the shares to be less than 10 per cent.

Ferranti, the electronics group which has just been granted a licence to produce one of the new portable zonephones, lost an early lead to close 1½p lower at 106p. The group gave a presentation to brokers and fund managers on Tuesday. City men are said to have been impressed by the group's new lightweight, cordless telephone which is expected to make a big contribution to profits during the longer-term.

BSG International, the motor components group, firmed 2p to 74p, excited by the news that T Cowie, the car distributor, had acquired 13.45 million shares, or 6.71 per cent. Cowie has built up sizeable stakes in a number of companies over the years and it is known to be on the look-out for an acquisition. It recently broke off bid talks with its rival, Alexanders Holdings, after failure to agree terms.

Keep an eye on Tuskar Resources, the Irish oil exploration company, which this week revealed some encouraging drilling reports. Sources close to Tuskar say even better news is on the way. Dealers claim a big buyer has been stalking the shares which closed all-square at 16p.

Cowie continues to hold a 7.25 per cent stake in Lookers, a Manchester vehicle distributor.

Blue Arrow, the troubled employment agency which owns Manpower and the Brooke Street Bureau, remained friendless despite reporting a rise in pre-tax profits from £29 million to £75 million on Tuesday. A total of 17 million shares were traded as the price eased 1p to 90p. Investors continue to take a bearish view of prospects.

Some analysts are worried about the effect that rising interest rates will have on the group.

The report and accounts are expected to show net debt of about £145 million compared with shareholders' funds of £28 million. They believe that the high level of charges will continue to depress profits over the longer term.

Last month, Mr Tony Berry resigned as chief executive following a boardroom coup backed by the non-executive directors and was replaced by the former head of Manpower, Mr Mitchell Fromstein. Mr Berry is now non-executive chairman. Mr Fromstein says that he has no plans to sell off the various parts of Blue Arrow. But the market continues to keep a close eye on events.

Television shares were up and running with **Carlton Communications** 41p higher at 839p. **Thames TV** 2p to the good at 430p and **Central** 3p up at 699p — all on the market's appreciation of the potential — as yet unsubstantiated — of the television companies' film and programme libraries.

A valuation "tag" on film libraries — along the lines adopted by some food groups towards their brand names — would throw up an improved net worth for most in the sector and it would be be useful ammunition against takeover bids once the independent television companies lose their immunity to takeover.

Kleinwort Benson, the broker, is now finalizing an important study on the hidden worth of film libraries, which is likely to generate further interest in the sector.

The big four clearing banks sported some impressive gains with investors looking forward to the reporting season which gets underway this month.

Michael Clark

WALL STREET

Dow opens higher as rally continues

New York (Reuter) — Shares were higher in early trading, led by blue chips. The market was following up Tuesday's rally, brokers said. Buying on Tuesday was started by General Motors' share sub-division and its 20 per cent dividend increase.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 10 points up at 2,357.14.

On Tuesday, the Dow closed 26.07 points higher at 2,347.14.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index rose 184.47 points, or 0.58 per cent, to a record close of 32,065.12 — the fourth consecutive record close — after reaching 32,066.09 just before the finish. The index has now closed above 32,000 for the first time.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times*' industrial index gained 8.37 points to 1,151.80. Shares rose over a broad front on buying interest and bargain-hunting in moderate trading.

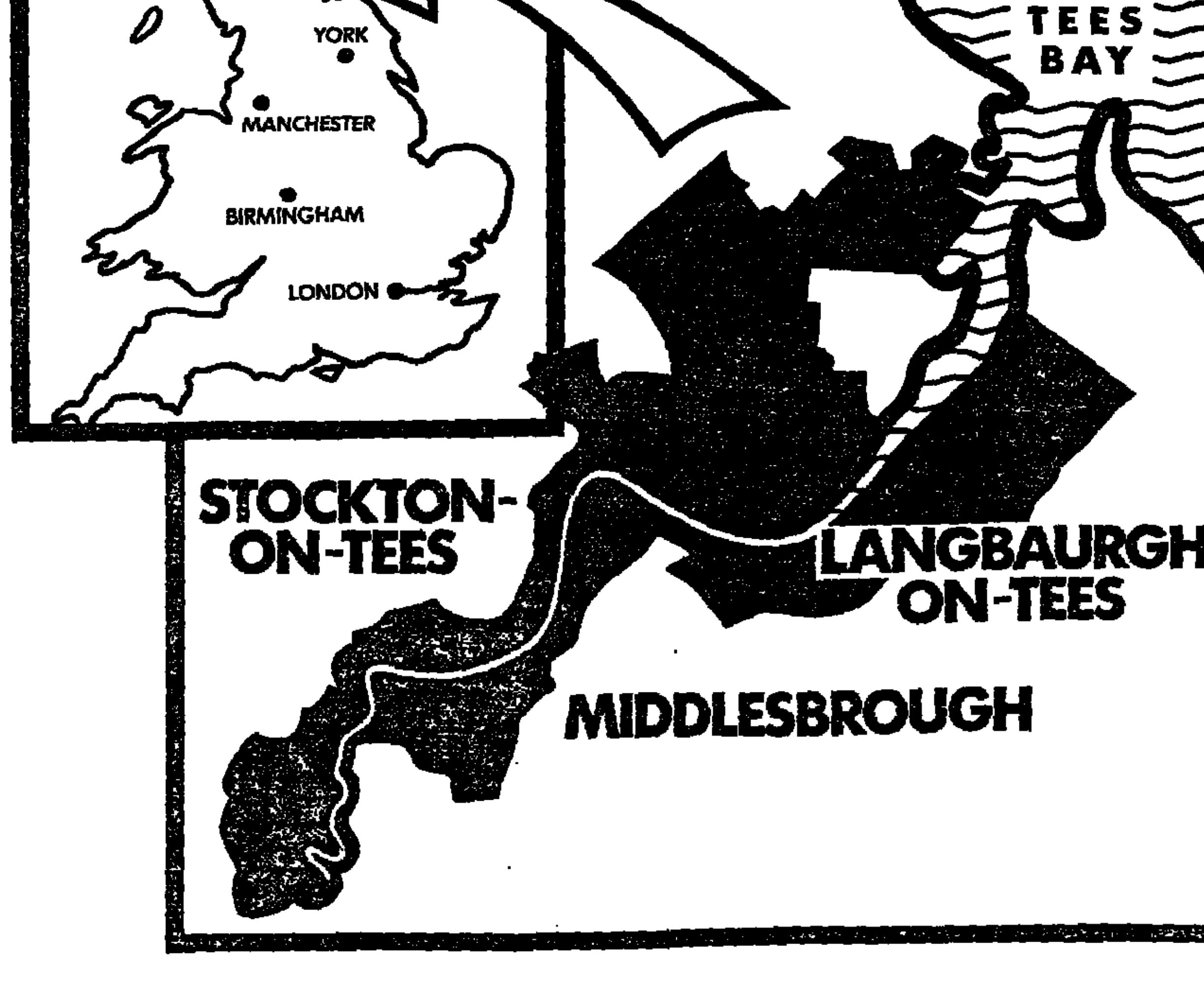
● **Sydney** — The All- Ordinaries index was 9.0 points ahead at 1,501.0. Industrial shares stole the show as the market edged above 1,500 despite thin trading and fresh interest rate worries.

● The Hong Kong stock exchange was closed for a holiday.

	Feb 7	Feb 8		Feb 7	Feb 6		Feb 7	Feb 6
AMR Cp	60½	60%	Fedders	13½	12%	Pennzoil	83%	83%
ASA	41¾	41	Fst Chicago	35%	34%	Pepsico	41½	40%
Aetna Life	51	50¼	Fst Int Bncp	48%	47%	Pfizer	58	58
Allied Signal	35%	34%	Fst Penn C	12%	13	Phelps Dod	58%	57%
Allis Chlm	n.a	n.a	FT Wachva	40%	40%	Philip Mor	109%	108%
Alcoa	63½	62%	Ford Motor	55%	54%	Philip Ptl	20%	20%
Amax Inc	27	27	GAF Cp	50%	51	Polaroid	41¾	41¾
Amr Hess	33%	32%	GTE Cp	46%	45%	Primerica	23%	23%
Am Brands	64¾	64	Gen Cp	17%	17	Proct Gble	90	90%
Am Cynmd	51	50%	Gn Dynam	51½	51	Pub SE Gr	24%	24%
Am Ele Pwr	26%	26½	Gen Electric	46%	48	R Nabisco	99%	99%
Amrtch	31¼	30%	Gen Inst	33	31%	Raytheon	71¾	71¾
Am Family	15½	15	Gen Mills	56%	55%	Rynlds Metl	60¾	60
Am Home	87%	87¼	Gen Motors	93%	89%	Rockwell Int	22%	22¾
Am Int Grp	74½	73½	Gen Pub Ut	37%	37%	Royal Dutch	59%	58%
Am Telph	32%	31%	Genesco	5%	5½	Scecorp	33¾	32%
Amoco Cp	78%	78%	Georgia Pac	41	41¾	SFE Sopac	21%	22
Anheuser B	34½	34	Gillette	36¾	35%	Sara Lee	48%	47%
Arch Dan	23%	23%	Goodrich	54½	53%	Schlumb	35%	36%
Armco Steel	11%	11½	Goodyear	50%	50%	Scott Paper	41¾	41
Asarco Inc	26%	26%	Grace Co.	28%	27%	Seagram	70%	69%
Ashland Oil	34%	33½	Grt Atl Pac	51½	51¾	Sears Roeb	43%	42%
Atl Richfld	87	85%	Greyhnd	31½	30%	Sec Pac	38%	38%
Avon Prod	22	21½	Grumman	20%	19%	Shell Trans	39%	38%
Bk Boston	25%	25½	Gulf Westn	42¾	41%	Smith Beck	50	49%
Bank NY	38%	38%	Heinz	47¼	47%	Sony Cp	56%	55%
Bankamer	21¼	20%	Hercules	48%	47%	SW Bell	44	42%
Bkrs Tst NY	39%	38%	Hewlett Pk	60%	57%	Squibb	68%	68%
Baxter	20%	19%	Hilton	51½	50%	Sun Comp	34¾	34½
Beth Steel	27%	26%	Honeywell	63%	63%	TDK	68%	69%
Boeing	63%	63¾	IC Ind	n.a	n.a	TRW Inc	45%	45%
Boise Casc	43%	43½	ITT Cp	55%	54%	Teledyne	360½	354%
Borden	59	58%	INCO	31%	32%	Tenneco	49¾	48%
Brstl Myer	46%	45½	Ing Rand Wl	38%	37%	Texaco	49%	49%
BP	57½	56½	Inland Steel	47%	46%	Tex Eastn	48%	48%
Brunswick	18%	19%	IBM	127%	126%	Texas Inst	43%	42%
Burl Ntn	24%	24½	Int Paper	51	50%	Tex Util	28%	28%
CBS	172¾	173¾	Irving Bk	n.a	n.a	Textron	27	27%
Cms Engy	25½	24%	Jhsn & Jhsn	91¾	90%	Travelers	38%	37%
CPC Intl	52%	52%	K Mart	39	38%	UAL Cp	122¾	122%
CSX Cp	33%	33½	Kerr McGee	38¾	38%	USG Cp	7%	7%
Camp Soup	31¾	31	Kimbrly Clrk	62%	62%	USX Cp	31¾	31%
Can Pacific	20½	21	Knght Ridr	48%	47%	Unilever Plc	37¾	37
Caterpillar	61¾	61¾	Kraft	n.a	n.a	Un Carbide	28%	27%
Centrl SW	31%	31¼	Kroger	9¾	9¾	Un Pac Cp	70%	69¾
Champion	34¾	34%	LTV Cp	2%	2%	Unisys Cp	29%	29%
Chase Man	32%	31%	Litton	77	76%	Unit Brand	15%	15¾
Chem Bank	32%	32%	Lockheed	46%	46%	Us West	62	61¾
Chevron	49%	49½	Lone Star	30	29%	Utd Tech	44¾	45
Chrysler	28%	27½	Man H'nver	33%	32%	Unocal	41	39%
Citicorp	28	27½	Manville	7%	8	Warn Lamb	80%	80%
Clark Eq	35¾	34½	Mapco	61%	61¾	Wells Far	67%	66%
Coca Cola	48	47%	Marriott	33%	33¾	Westg El	56	56
Colgate	47%	47½	Mt Marietta	43%	42%	Weyershr	27	27%
Colmb Gas	35%	35¼	Masco Cp	26%	25¾	Whirlpool	26%	26%
Cmb'tn Eng	28½	28½	Mcdonalds	52%	51¾	Woolworth	55%	54%
Cmwlth Ed	34%	33%	McDonnell	89	88%	Xerox Cp	62%	63%
Cons Edis	47	46½	Mead Cp	41%	41½	Zenith	20%	20%
Consol Ng	40	39¾	Merck	65	64%			
Cont Data	20%	21	Minsta Mng	68	67½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	72%	71½	Mobil	48%	47%			
Crane	25%	25½	Monsanto	92%	91¾	Agnco Eag	11%	11%
Curtiss W	54¾	54%	Monsedison	n.a	15%	Alcan Alum	41%	41%
Data Genl	18%	18	Morgan Jp	38%	35%	Can Pacific	24%	24%
Deere Co	47%	46%	Motorola	47	46%	Cominco	26%	26%
Delta Air	56%	56%	NCR	61	59%	Con Bathrst	24%	24%
Detroit Ed	18%	18¾	NL Indstrs	23%	23%	Hawk S Can	24%	25
Digital Eq	116½	116%	Natl Med Ent	26%	26%	Hud Bay M	25	25
Disney	75½	73¾	Nat Semi	8%	8%	Imasco	31%	31%
Dow Chem	99%	98¾	Norfolk Sth	35%	34%	Imperial Oil	50%	50%
Dresser Ind	33¾	32	NW Bancrp	36	35%	Inco	37%	38
Dupont	100%	100%	Occid Petl	28	27%	Royl Trstco	18	18
Duke Pwr	46%	45%	Ogden Cp	29%	29	Seagram	83	82%
East Kodak	48%	47½	Olin Cp	53	52%	Shell Can	47%	47%
Eaton Cp	58%	57¼	PPG Ind	45	44%	Stelco	28	25%
Emerson El	32	32¼	Pac Enterp	40%	40	Thmsn N 'A'	27%	28
Emery Air	6	5½	Pac Gas El	18%	18%	Varity Cp	3.65	3.65
Exxon	45%	45½	Pan Am	3%	3%	WCE	17%	17%
Farah Inc	8¾	8%	Penney JC	55¾	54%	Weston	37%	38

TEES/SIDE Initiative

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



Within a few months of becoming operational Teesside Development Corporation has acted as the catalyst to speed and implement a host of new initiatives. Initiatives that will enhance the industrial, business, social and cultural environment of Teesside. Initiatives in which powerful partners from the private sector are already participating. Initiatives which still offer outstanding development and investment opportunities. Among them –

At Hartlepool - the most important water-based leisure and living attraction on the North East Coast

Tees Offshore Base – a world centre of excellence in subocean technology to exploit deep-sea mineral resources LAUNCHED

Teesside Park – a new runner at the old Stockton racecourse, an £80 million retail, leisure, sports and conference centre LAUNCHED

Teesdale - an investment of over £110 million in a high quality urban mix of first class offices, residential areas and shops, in a landscaped setting

Britannia Park Enterprise Zone – one of Teesside's two EZ's, now being enhanced with new factories and infrastructure LAUNCHED

The European Chemical Centre – creating the finest concentration of chemical businesses in the world LAUNCHED

Middlehaven - a redevelopment of Middlesbrough Docks to create a high quality residential, business and leisure centre

Langbaurgh Motor Sport Park - an exciting road and track based facility for a variety of two- and four-wheeled sports LAUNCHED

Teesside International Nature Reserve – opening up and expanding an existing world stature estuarine wildlife sanctuary

Tees walkway and weir – providing pleasant access to a tide-free river frontage

'We are setting out once again to be ahead of our time...'

Japanese ready to act on currency

Tokyo (Reuter) — The Bank of Japan is ready to co-operate with other countries in countering excessive currency moves, including using concerted intervention, Mr Satoshi Sumita, the governor said.

However, he said that recent currency moves have not been excessive. The Group of Seven is more concerned with ensuring currency stability than with achieving set ranges for exchange rates, he added.

The governor also said he saw no need to change monetary policy now. But he added that Japan is ready to act promptly against inflation if necessary. Mr Sumita said other G7 countries did not ask Japan at last week's meeting in Washington to refrain from changing its monetary stance.

The G7 nations showed no signs at the meeting of being poised for a round of competitive interest rate increases, he added. G7 countries shared general concern about inflation, but they believed measures they had taken so far were effective.

The group agreed the US economy remains strong, but that its growth rate is not expected to accelerate further.

The recent round of European interest rate rises and slight tightening of US monetary policy were appropriate and timely, Mr Sumita said.

He said that Japan was not asked by other G7 members to keep its interest rates at the lowest among the group.

There were greater expectations for lower Japanese interest rates when Japan's economic growth was not so clear as it is now, he said.

President's optimism over growth contrasts with central bank caution

Bush heads for clash with Fed

The policy committee of the United States Federal Reserve Board completed a two-day private meeting yesterday to set monetary policy for 1989. Today, in an address a joint session of Congress, President George Bush will outline his own economic blueprint for America.

Financial markets have expressed growing concern that the central bank's determination to fight inflation may collide with the Bush administration's primary assumptions that strong economic growth will produce enough tax revenues in the 1990 fiscal year to substantially decrease the $150 billion (£86 billion) federal budget deficit.

Indeed, there is concern that the Fed's apparent intention to hold US growth to no more than 2.5 per cent in fiscal 1990 represents a fundamental policy difference with the Bush administration, which wants much higher growth to allow the President to avoid a tax increase.

Mr Bush is expected to embrace optimistic economic assumptions in the 1990 budget programme he will present to Congress. These will project growth of 3.5 per cent, inflation of 4.5 per cent to 4.7 per cent, and short-term interest rates slightly lower than those indicated by current Fed policy.

With growth at this level, and with selective freezes in federal programmes, Mr Bush hopes to lower the budget deficit to the legal target of $100 billion in 1990 without raising taxes, White House officials said.

But Mr Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve, has indicated that growth of this magnitude is highly unlikely. He said in Congressional testimony last week that he was inclined to accept the economic projections of the independent Congressional Budget Office for growth of 2.9 per cent in fiscal 1990.

Softly, softly: Alan Greenspan, Fed chairman, has a warning for George Bush over inflation

In addition, Mr Greenspan gave a warning that it was wrong to assume that the Fed was comfortable with the current inflation rate — more than 4.5 per cent, and growing.

Mr Greenspan said short-term interest rates were likely to go higher because of the central bank's determination to "err on the side of caution" in fighting growing inflationary pressures in key segments of the economy, notably the wage-price sector.

There was widespread anticipation on Wall Street this week of another move by the Fed to tighten credit conditions following the stronger-than-expected US employment gains announced last Friday.

The government reported that the growth in new jobs, excluding the farm sector, was more than 400,000 in December, compared with 221,000 in November. The gain was well above market expectations and led to concern that wage pressures would grow.

❛ Bush hopes to lower the budget deficit to $100 billion in 1990 without raising taxes ❜

US short-term rates have risen sharply in recent months, and markets were awaiting the results of this week's refinancing auction — the sale of $9.75 billion in new three-year notes — to gauge future direction.

Last week, the rates on the Treasury's three-month and six-month bills rose to their highest levels for four years. There was anticipation that the Fed would move again to push up short-term rates through an increase in the overnight federal funds rate.

The Fed's longer-term plans are not made public. But Mr Greenspan will give a review of the Fed's policy soon, in a report to Congress on US monetary policy.

Mr Bush has moved quickly to remove one of the darkest clouds hanging over his deficit reduction programme, the $100 billion crisis in the US savings and loan industry. White House officials said the president was anxious to reassure depositors who were beginning to withdraw their money from the 350 bankrupt associations which will have to be baled out.

But industry experts expressed doubts yesterday over whether the $50 billion programme announced by Mr Bush, which would be in addition to the $40 billion already committed by the government, would be sufficient to cover the entire cost.

They said that politically the plan was sound, but that financially it appeared to fall short of the money required to complete the rescue. A new private study has concluded that the cost of the baleout will be at least $126 billion over the next decade, 40 per cent more than the administration has projected.

Generally, however, Mr Bush's budget plan is expected to include no new taxes, a "flexible freeze" on domestic programmes to reduce outlays, and a larger cut in defence spending. It was also expected to embrace some modest revenue proposals included in President Reagan's last budget, in addition to user fees for a large number of government services.

The big initiatives that Mr Bush is expected to propose are a reduction in US capital gains tax, and tax incentives to pay for child care programmes, housing, and other social programmes.

In addition, Mr Bush plans to ask Congress to cancel some existing Federal programmes in order to pay for increased funding for drug enforcement and prevention programmes and for greater protection of the environment.

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allid Lyon (*482)	420	72	81	-	1	5	-
	460	37	50	63	6	15	19
	500	14	29	41	24	32	37
Brit Air (*201)	160	46	50	53	1½	3	4
	180	28	30	38	3	6	8
	200	13	20	26	8	13	15
Brit Com (*241)	220	28	32	40	5	9	9
	240	13	20	27	12	18	20
	260	5	12	18	26	31	31
Brit Steel (*79)	60	21½	23½	24	½	1	2
	70	11¾	14	15½	1	3	4¼
	80	4½	7	9	4	8	8½
BP (*275)	240	37	40	45	1¼	3	4½
	260	17	26	31	5½	9	10½
	280	6	15	20	17	19	21
Bass (*941)	850	117	145	177	4	9	13
	900	75	105	137	12	20	25
	950	42	72	102	27	33	40
C & W (*439)	390	64	76	90	3	8	10
	420	40	53	68	8	14	20
	460	16	30	43	27	33	37
Cons Gold (*1440)	1300	180	205	225	15	30	55
	1350	145	170	190	35	40	70
	1400	115	140	155	50	60	80
Courtauld (*314)	280	45	54	59	3	9	12
	300	28	40	48	8	18	22
	330	14	22	32	22	33	35
Com Union (*388)	360	45	54	58	6	10	14
	390	20	34	38	16	21	25
	420	9	20	24	37	38	44
GKN (*368)	300	88	91	95	1½	3	5
	330	58	64	73	4	8	10
	360	31	43	51	10	15	20
Grand Met (*530)	420	118	128	-	1	1½	-
	454	82	-	-	2	-	-
	483	44	-	-	6	-	-
ICI (*1228)	1050	190	207	-	4	10	-
	1100	142	167	187	10	18	27
	1150	95	130	150	18	30	38
	1200	55	99	118	40	45	52
Jaguar (*327)	280	56	67	72	4	8	12
	300	38	51	60	8	15	18
	330	18	32	40	20	27	39
Land Sec (*602)	560	70	82	103	5	11	15
	600	30	48	70	16	28	30
	650	10	26	-	48	65	-
M & S (*178)	140	44	47	-	1	2	-
	160	28	29	34	2	4½	6
	180	9½	14½	20	9	12	14
STC (*334)	280	60	67	74	2½	6	10
	300	41	50	58	5	12	15
	330	21	34	42	15	22	26
Sainsbury (*235)	200	39	46	50	2	4	5
	220	23	28	36	5	9	10
	240	10	17	26	12	17	18
Shell (*374)	350	33	41	-	5	6½	-
	367	17	-	-	12	-	-
	390	7	17	24	27	27	30
Storehse (*191)	180	21	29	34	6½	14	15
	200	11	21	24	16	26	28
	220	6	12	-	34	38	-
Trafalgar (*345)	300	56	63	70	2	6	7
	330	30	39	47	6	13	14
	360	10	21	30	20	27	28
Utd Bisc (*331)	280	60	66	74	1½	6	8
	300	43	52	61	5	12	14
	330	19	30	41	13	21	25
Ultramar (*312)	275	53	-	-	6	-	-
	294	34	-	-	12	-	-
	330	16	34	41	30	40	44
Woolworth (*287)	260	37	44	52	5	8	12
	280	22	31	38	11	15	20
	300	12	20	27	21	24	27
	Series	Apr	Aug	Nov	Apr	Aug	Nov
GEC (*228)	180	55	63	-	1	2½	-
	200	35	48	51	2	8	9
	220	19	31	38	6	12	15
	Series	Apr	Jun	Sep	Apr	Jun	Sep
R-Royce (*162)	140	27	28	34	2	4	6
	160	12	14½	21	7½	10	11
	180	3	7	10	21	22	23
TSB (*133)	110	24	26	-	1	2	-
	120	15	17	18	3	3½	4
	130	7½	11	12	7	7	8
	Series	Feb	Apr	Jul	Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke (*530)	420	115	124	130	1	1	3
	460	75	84	94	1	3	8
	500	36	48	60	3½	7	15
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*542)	460	92	100	107	½	6	11
	500	54	65	80	3	13	20
	550	16	34	53	15	33	42
BAA (*319)	260	61	70	74	½	1½	5
	280	41	51	56	1	3½	7
	300	23	35	42	3	7	11
BAT Ind (*569)	460	115	124	132	½	3	5
	500	75	88	84	1	6½	10
	550	26½	45	58	4½	21	25
Brit Tele (*281)	240	44	52	59	½	1	2½
	260	24	35	41	1	4	7
	280	9	19	25	7	11	15
Cadbury (*369)	330	44	51	65	¼	8	12
	360	18	30	43	4½	17	22
	390	3½	17	26	22	32	37
Guinness (*397)	330	74	80	88	1½	2	5
	360	44	54	62	3	5	8
	390	18	28	40	6	15	18
LASMO (*498)	420	86	103	115	1½	7	13
	460	48	72	87	2	18	25
	500	12	42	62	12	32	43

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
P & O (*582)	550	124	134	140	1½	4	6
	600	74	87	95	2	9	12
	650	25	45	58	6	25	27
Pilkington (*250)	220	35	44	48	1½	3	6
	240	16	28	31	3	7	11
	260	4½	15	18	12	15	20
Plessey (*248)	220	32	41	46	1	6	9
	240	12	24	30	3	11	15
	260	4	14	20	15	20	24
Prudential (*179)	140	41	45	46	1	1	1½
	160	21	28	28	1	3	8
	180	6	12	16	6	9	12
Racal (*353)	280	76	87	90	1	2½	5
	300	56	68	74	1	5	11
	330	28	48	53	4	11	17
	360	9	28	35	14	22	30
RTZ (*525)	420	110	120	127	1	2	4½
	460	70	83	92	1	7	11
	500	30	53	65	4	13	23
Vaal Reefs (*70)	60	16	17	18	1	3	4
	70	6	8	10	2¾	7	8½
	80	1	4	5	10	14	15
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Amstrad (*174)	140	38	45	49	1½	5	6
	160	22	31	36	5	10	15
	180	13	19	25	15	21	23
Barclays (*484)	420	70	72	78	2	6	10
	460	33	37	48	13	17	24
	500	13	19	28	43	46	47
Blue Circ (*500)	420	92	96	108	2	6	9
	460	54	60	74	5	14	16
	500	24	38	48	18	28	40
Dixons (*162)	130	37	42	44	1	4	6½
	140	28	35	38	2½	6	8
	160	12	21	26	9	12	16
Glaxo (*1288)	1100	216	245	283	4	10	15
	1150	170	205	243	7	18	25
	1200	125	165	206	12	30	37
	1250	82	130	173	25	47	55
Hawker (*642)	550	106	117	132	1	8	15
	600	62	76	97	10	20	27
	650	28	45	68	26	42	48
Hillsdown (*281)	240	56	62	67	1	3	4
	260	37	45	49	2	5	7
	280	23	29	34	6	11	14
Lonrho (*351)	330	37	54	64	6	14	22
	360	17	35	46	20	28	37
	390	6	23	34	42	45	56
Midland (*478)	390	90	92	100	1	2	4
	420	60	63	73	2	5	8
	460	22	35	43	14	17	22
Sears (*125)	110	19	24	26	1¼	3½	4½
	120	10½	15	20	3½	7	8
	130	5	10	14	7½	10½	13½
THF (*282)	240	43	50	59	1	3	4
	260	23	33	41	4	7½	10½
	280	10½	21	29	12	15	17
Thorn EMI (*718)	650	89	107	117	4	11	20
	700	46	65	75	13	28	35
	750	15	33	47	38	50	52
Wellcome (*509)	420	97	110	124	2	5	7
	460	57	77	92	6	9	14
	500	29	50	65	15	23	28
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Boots (*265)	220	52	56	62	1½	4	6
	240	33	41	46	3	8	12
	260	16½	25	33	10	15	18
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Brit Gas (*185)	140	48	54	-	¼	½	-
	160	28	34	38	¾	1¾	3
	180	11	18	20	3	5½	8
	200	2½	6½	10	15	16	18
	Series	Mar	Jul	Oct	Mar	Jul	Oct
Beecham (*585)	460	142	155	165	1	3	6
	500	100	119	132	1½	7	9
	550	56	80	96	8	18	22
	600	25	49	67	28	37	42
Unilever (*547)	460	100	105	120	1½	3	6
	500	60	70	90	3½	10	12
	550	20	38	55	15	25	28
	Series	Mar	May	Aug	Mar	May	Aug
BTR (*354)	300	61	61	67	1	2½	4
	330	31	32	45	3	8	10
	360	12	15	26	14	19	23
Hanson (*184)	130	56	-	-	½	-	-
	140	46	48	49½	½	¾	1
	160	27	29	31	¾	1½	2½
	180	9½	13½	17	4	6	8
Tesco (*160)	130	33	36	40	½	1	2
	140	23	26	30	1½	2½	6
	160	7½	12	17	7	11	12
	Series	Mar	May		Mar	May	
Enterprise (*536)	500	56	-	-	9	-	-
	550	24	-	-	33	-	-
	600	9	-	-	73	-	-
Scot & New (*423)	390	47	61	-	9	16	-
	420	28	38	-	19	26	-
	460	12	20	-	42	45	-

FT-SE INDEX (*2096)

Series	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
1850	280	297	305	-	2	7	9	-
1900	228	248	257	279	4	11	15	24
1950	175	203	215	220	6	13	20	35
2000	130	160	173	183	10	25	32	40
2050	88	120	135	152	21	35	47	57
2100	52	83	102	117	37	53	60	73

February 8, 1989 Total: 53415 Calls 39570 Puts 13845 FT-SE: Calls 8084 Puts 5087
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings February 6 · Last Dealings February 17 · Last Declaration May 18 · For Settlement May 30

Call options were taken out on: 8/2/89 Eagle Trust, Oliver Resources, London Finance & Investment Group, Willis Faber, Tranwood, British & Commonwealth, Atlas, Eurotunnel Units & Wts, United Guarantee, Beckenham Group, Dares Estates, Tuskar Resources, Blacks Leisure, Fergabrook, Exploration Company of Louisiana, Magnet, Jaguar, Amber Day, Control Securities, FKI, Amstrad, Next.
Puts: Eurotunnel Units & Wts. Put & Call: Racal Telecom.

British Steel raises stake in TWIL

By Colin Narbrough

British Steel and Bekaert, the Belgium steel cord and wire maker, have agreed to pay £25.5 million cash for Bridon's 40 per cent stake in TWIL, a jointly held company.

The restructuring will leave BS with 40 per cent of the Sheffield company, against its present 20 per cent. Bekaert, which will be bringing a Belgian-based subsidiary into TWIL, will hold 60 per cent.

Under the deal with Bekaert, Bridon, the British engineering group, will acquire three TWIL subsidiaries — Fox Wire, Johnson & Nephew and Lionweld Kennedy — together worth an estimated £20 million.

While the newly-privatized BS is keen to develop TWIL, Bridon has made it clear that it did not regard its interest in TWIL as core business. TWIL's pre-tax profit in 1987 was £3.9 million.

Bridon's 40 per cent of TWIL carries voting rights of only 25 per cent, while Bekaert's present 40 per cent holding has 50 per cent.

The deal is seen as a foretaste of the expansion into continental Europe that Sir Robert Scholey, the BS chairman, is keen to pursue.

The City has been expecting BS to make a move into West Germany, the biggest European steel consumer, after an invitation from Deutsche Bank to buy Klöckner & Co, the leading West German steel trading house, for about £210 million. But BS has denied reports that it has already reached agreement to buy the Ruhr-based Klöckner.

BS said the company was still considering an offer from Deutsche.

● BS's Llanwern plant in South Wales has set a European output record of 1 million tonnes of continuously cast steel in the 10 months since its new con-cast mill started production. Equivalent mills abroad have taken more than a year to reach such tonnages.

Sherwood plans merger with Dutch lace-maker

By Rodney Hobson

The Sherwood Group of Nottingham is planning a merger with Dentex Groep, a Dutch lace-maker, through a bid by the British textile group for Dentex. Sherwood is quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market while Dentex is listed on the Dutch second-tier market.

Sherwood, with six units and 2,500 employees, designs and makes lingerie, clothing and lace. Dentex is based in Nieuw-Vennep which is south-west of Amsterdam. It has factories in Britain, West Germany and France and produces lace which is sold worldwide.

In the year to September 30, it made after-tax profits of 2.5 million guilders (£680,000) on sales of 79.9 million guilders. The companies said they would give further details of Sherwood's proposed bid in a few days.

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Gilt/Fixed	115.4	122.6	+0.5	8.16
High Inc Equity	131.2	140.3●	+2.7	4.24
W'wide Bond	186.3	197.5●	+0.2	4.91
Amer Growth	161.0	171.2●	-1.2	1.28
Asian Pacific	80.13	85.70	+0.51	1.28
Assets/Earns	158.9	168.9	+2.7	2.27
Capit Res	83.18	88.34	+0.23	4.80
Comm/Energy	97.45	104.3	+0.95	0.00
Euro Capit	77.35	82.28	-0.13	0.91
General	173.3	184.3●	+3.8	2.44
Japan	106.7	113.5	+0.1	0.00
UK Gth Inc	134.5	143.0	+1.5	2.38
Do Acc	200.8	213.6	+2.2	1.80
US Emerg Cos	49.24	52.38	+0.17	0.00
Income/Gth	299.3	321.0	+11.3	3.04
Masterfund Acc	79.13	84.64	+0.71	1.74
Amer Inc	46.99	49.93●	+0.30	5.48
Ethical	48.54	51.63	+0.81	2.42
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 Salisbury House 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6901 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
American	43.63	46.73●	+0.38	1.80
Australian	23.89	26.41	+0.27	1.19
Euro	51.83	55.14●	-0.19	0.00
Extra Inc	41.58	44.24	..	5.01
Invest	117.3	124.8	+0.3	2.41
Do Acc	178.8	190.0	+0.5	2.41
Gt/Fxd Interest	21.95	23.35	+0.25	10.10
Global Inc	38.68	41.15	+0.50	4.57
Inc Growth	72.30	76.92●	+1.73	3.81
Jap & Genrl	177.2	188.5	+0.9	0.01
N Am Inc	26.79	28.43	..	3.89
Spec Sits	70.55	75.05	+1.61	1.02
UK Growth	35.30	37.47	..	2.53
World Gth	44.49	47.22	..	0.48
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	323.5	344.5	+1.2	4.77
Equity Inc	183.5	195.4●	+2.0	4.32
High Yield	192.7	205.2	+1.4	4.89
Balanced	461.0	490.9	-8.4	3.17
Am Inc	29.47	31.38●	-0.08	4.24
World Ass Val	30.58	32.57	+0.13	0.67
Japan	158.2	168.2	-0.1	0.01
Sec of Am	198.7	211.6	-0.7	0.95
Asset Value	361.3	384.7	+3.7	3.27
O'seas Earn	234.3	249.5	+1.9	2.80
Recov	108.7	115.7	+0.8	2.48
UK Spec Sits	286.5	305.1	+2.7	3.05
Smlr Cos	173.2	184.4●	+0.8	2.48
Capit	274.8	292.4	+2.3	2.58
Aml Spec Sit	67.74	72.14	+0.15	1.79
Intl	99.25	105.7●	-0.10	0.68
Growth/Inc	167.2	178.0	+1.4	3.52
Euro Gth	19.45	20.71	+0.04	1.25
Pacific	248.5	264.5●	-0.2	0.28
2nd Smlr Co	183.5	195.4	..	2.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	88.92	94.85●	+2.43	3.14
Euro Gth Inc	70.81	75.53	+0.39	0.83
Extra Inc	104.5	111.5	+1.8	4.65
General	190.7	203.4	+4.5	3.06
Gt/Fxd Income	53.99	55.68c	+0.10	9.56
Inc Trust	450.5	480.5●	+9.6	3.82
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Amer EVS	83.70	87.58	+1.12	2.10
Australia	69.27	74.50	+0.54	0.00
Convertible	50.42	53.48	+0.85	7.00
East	91.93	98.05	+1.95	1.10
Equity Inc	76.34	80.99	+1.20	6.10
Europe	132.5	140.5	+0.2	0.40
Exempt	62.96	64.24●	+1.38	2.60
Growth/Inc	84.77	89.94c	+1.21	2.50
Do Acc	133.9	142.0c	+2.0	2.50
Global Gth	64.82	68.77	+0.24	0.00
Jap Spec	163.6	174.5●	+0.2	0.00
Jap Sunrise	154.4	164.8	-0.2	0.00
1st Europe	129.0	136.8	+0.6	1.60
1st Jap	115.5	123.1	+0.4	0.40
1st N Am	48.54	51.50●	+0.49	1.40
1st Smlr Cos	95.25	101.1	+0.58	1.80
N Am Spec	45.97	48.77	+0.84	1.10
UK Growth	66.43	70.48	+1.04	2.40
Select Man Fd	50.75	53.84	+0.39	2.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	159.7	170.8c	+2.3	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	309.9	336.2	+1.2	0.80
Do Inc	195.2	211.8	+0.9	1.29
High Inc	85.07	91.03	+2.54	5.70
Income	102.7	109.9	+1.6	5.34
Man Portf Inc	92.45	98.92●	+1.83	2.84
Do Acc	157.0	168.0c	-3.1	2.20
Nth Amer	51.59	55.20●	-0.32	0.35
Orient	111.4	118.2	+0.3	0.28
Exempt	291.7	307.8	+4.8	2.78
Recov	68.98	73.79	+1.41	3.80
German	24.50	26.54	+0.12	1.90
Intl Recov	26.82	28.68	+0.11	0.80
Europe	16.39	17.54	+0.16	3.80
Conv Genrl	24.23	25.93	+0.24	6.89
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emer Gth Inc	65.93	69.95●	+0.70	1.45
Do Acc	66.86	70.96●	+0.71	1.45
Fellowship Inc	65.09	69.83	+0.47	1.13
Genrl Inc 4	305.9	324.6	+7.5	2.13
Do Acc 4	506.8	538.8	+27.5	2.13
Inc Fund 3	159.2	168.9	+4.2	3.98
Do Acc 3	304.1	322.7	+6.1	3.98
Intl Inc 2	116.1	122.8c	+1.5	2.62
Do Acc 2	157.3	166.3c	+2.0	2.62
Smlr Inc 5	106.8	113.1●	+1.3	1.15
Do Acc	116.7	123.8	+1.5	1.15
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Sht Gt Fxd Int	52.94	53.69	..	1.35
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	38.42	40.87●	+0.33	2.51
Income	48.00	51.07●	+0.30	4.07
Far East	33.01	35.12●	-0.02	0.18
Nth Amer	29.86	31.94●	+0.42	0.65
Global	48.40	51.85	+0.27	0.86
European	45.59	48.57	-0.02	1.06
Japan	95.22	101.3	+0.21	0.01
Strategic Opp	56.87	60.29	+0.96	1.24
Do Acc	51.78	55.05	+0.45	4.84
Intl Currency	44.10	46.85	-0.01	6.00
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD 8 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries: 01-236 3053 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	65.15	69.31	+0.63	1.73
Do Acc	67.34	71.64	+0.65	1.73
European	47.06	50.05	+0.30	1.27
Do Acc	47.64	50.68	+0.30	1.27
F East/Gen	62.97	66.99	+0.23	0.00
Do Acc	62.97	66.99	+0.23	0.00
Glenmore	243.2	258.7	+5.1	1.28
Do Acc	261.2	287.2	+5.3	1.28
Growth	249.7	265.5	-5.9	2.19
Do Acc	380.3	404.8	-8.9	2.19
High Yield	314.1	334.2●	+0.4	3.83
Do Acc	350.6	373.0	+0.1	3.83
Master Portf	£76.38	78.07●	+1.04	2.78
Do Acc	£79.34	82.18	+1.09	2.78
Spec Sits	80.78	84.69●	+1.03	2.21
Do Acc	63.92	68.09●	+1.09	2.21
Trustee	189.3	198.2	+4.8	3.35
Do Acc	311.7	331.8	+8.0	3.35
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 552 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 6566				
Capit	447.8	477.6	+0.1	2.84
Euro S S	55.27	58.98●	..	2.21
Far East S S	57.21	61.05●	..	1.35
Gold Gen S S	61.08	65.18	..	1.70
Income	385.3	411.1	..	4.72
Intl Sp Sits	54.23	57.87	..	2.82
Amer Index	111.0	117.4●	..	1.70
N Amer	268.2	280.8	..	2.03
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-606 0708				
Portf	52.99	56.56	+0.35	3.50
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv	482.95		..	4.71
Fixed Int	143.75		..	9.85
Deposit	100.0		..	12.45
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	469.11	●	..	4.97
Acc	£15.0047	●	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	12.55
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-600 6522				
Man Retmnt	23.10	24.44	..	..
SC Spec Sits	69.14	73.15	..	0.00
CIGNA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5, Trump Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-796 3571				
Euro Gth	57.47	61.54	-0.19	3.15
1992 Euro Spc	43.29	46.48	+0.01	1.64
Intl Inc	49.88	52.90	+0.46	5.45
NAm Gth	46.98	50.05	+0.57	2.12
Pacific Gth	60.39	64.49	-0.31	2.38
UK Gth Acc	77.77	83.59	+1.95	3.16
Do Dist	73.94	79.47	+1.87	3.16
UK Income	62.90	67.48	+1.20	7.12
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	20.4	21.7	..	0.55
Asian Gth	23.75	25.27	..	0.29
Dragon Gth	27.82	30.12	..	0.92
Equity Hi Inc	62.11	65.04	..	4.44
Do Acc	64.28	67.29	..	4.44
Euro Growth	28.12	29.91	..	0.71
Genrl Equity	51.96	54.84	..	2.52
G/F Intrst Gth	34.05	35.75	..	7.83
Gt/Fxd Income	24.85	26.09●	..	8.77
Intl Inc	23.22	24.70●	..	5.12
Jap Growth	52.89	56.27	..	0.00
Pedigree Gth	30.32	32.25	..	2.14
Spec Sits	37.94	40.36	..	1.95
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK/Gen Inc	61.73	65.67	+1.12	2.22
Do Acc	65.07	69.22	+1.12	2.22
Inc	62.24	66.21	+1.03	3.17
Do Acc	66.73	70.99	+1.11	3.17
W'wide Inc	48.54	51.91●	..	0.15
Do Acc	49.45	52.89●	..	0.15
Gamma Inc	37.74	40.15●	..	1.07
Do Acc	38.38	40.83●	..	1.07
Am Gth	55.36	58.89	+0.53	0.97
Euro Gth	59.58	63.38	+0.49	0.86
Far East	73.09	77.76	+0.37	0.00
Gilt/Fxd Int	48.41	51.06	+0.27	7.36
World Bond	47.94	50.73	+0.11	5.35
Private Inv Pt	50.78	53.99	+0.44	4.84
Protess Inv Pt	54.56	58.04	+0.64	2.92
Progres Inv Pt	54.58	58.04	+0.64	2.92
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	115.2	123.2●	+1.4	0.49
Canadian Gth	23.74	25.39	-0.02	0.55
Euro	108.0	115.5	+0.5	0.14
Gilt Trust	303.9	325.0●	+8.3	2.70
High Inc	358.7	383.6	+8.1	4.20
Intl Tech	119.6	127.9	+1.6	0.93
Investment	31.92	34.14	+0.53	0.32
Japanese	272.7	291.6	+0.9	0.00
Man Int	32.30	34.55	+0.72	2.02
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090528				
Amer	63.36	67.32	+0.71	1.49
Capit	144.2	153.2	+2.1	1.31
Convertible	25.57	27.17	+0.41	7.09
Eurofund	24.93	26.44●	+0.33	1.13
Growth/Inc	208.3	222.4	+4.8	3.71
High Dist	165.4	176.8	+3.2	4.81
Intl	235.3	250.0	+3.1	0.80
Pacific	28.02	29.77	+0.07	1.01
Reserves	22.31	23.70	+0.11	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	45.12	47.84	-0.17	0.00
Tokyo	221.1	234.3	+1.3	0.80
Ex Am 2	123.1	128.5	..	1.78
Ex Jap 3	136.8	140.4	+3.8	0.16
Ex Pacific 4	350.5	401.2	..	0.20
Ex Smlr Jap 4	270.2	277.5	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	89.59	95.31	+2.08	2.55
Do Acc	95.22	101.3	+2.23	2.40
UK Gth Accum	129.4	137.7	+3.3	1.95
UK High Inc	102.8	109.4	+1.8	4.80
N Amer Acc	66.94	71.21	+0.84	0.99
Far East Acc	135.6	144.3	+0.4	0.54
Euro Acc	85.36	90.81	-0.17	1.14
UK Gilt/FI Inc	56.60	59.52	+0.18	8.74
Do Acc	68.1	71.8	+0.2	7.28
Intl Sp S Acc	42.95	45.69	+0.27	1.48
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Admin Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966				
Endurance	128.2	136.3	..	2.25
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equtbl Pelican	103.2	109.8	..	3.69
High Inc	108.2	115.1	..	4.82
Gt/Fxd Interest	51.63	54.93●	..	7.59
T Of Inv Ts	101.8	108.3●	..	2.10
Spec Sits	111.5	118.7	..	2.78
N Am	62.56	66.56	..	1.19
Far East	137.4	146.2	..	0.24
Intl Gth	63.69	67.97	..	1.63
Euro	44.76	47.62	..	1.47
EQUITY & LAW St George Hse Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	202.2	215.1	+4.0	3.40
Do Inc	164.6	175.1	+3.2	3.40
Higher Inc Acc	377.3	401.4	+7.1	4.48
Do Inc	278.8	296.6	+5.2	4.48
Gilts/Fxd Acc	117.1	123.2	+0.5	8.98
Do Inc	84.19	88.59	+0.36	8.98
N Am Acc	120.3	128.0	+1.0	0.09
Far East Acc	232.3	247.2	-0.1	0.00
Euro Acc	164.2	174.7	+1.0	0.00
Genrl	290.4	309.0	+5.8	3.54
Br Excellence	45.36	48.26	+0.86	2.96
Br Fdmtls Inc	52.65	56.23	+0.72	3.97
Do Acc	54.65	58.14	+0.75	3.97
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Cos	72.17	77.08	+0.78	0.53
UK Inc Fund	102.7	108.8	+1.8	4.60
Far East	97.89	104.7	..	0.00
O'seas Income	63.60	68.21	+0.28	4.18
Fixed Interest	53.96	54.80	+0.20	9.76
Natrl Res	63.07	67.45	+0.37	1.65
Euro Income	69.57	74.38●	+0.39	3.05
Financials	49.12	52.53c	+0.54	2.21
Intl Tech	110.5	118.2	+2.5	0.58
UK Growth	73.34	78.44●	+1.24	2.03
US Major	49.73	52.84	+0.27	0.71
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	71.60	76.17	+1.25	1.28
Do Inc	69.31	73.74	+1.21	1.28
High Yield Acc	31.56	33.57●	+0.16	5.77
Do Inc	28.36	30.19●	+0.15	5.77
Inc Gth Acc	65.85	69.67	+0.98	4.61
Do Inc	50.04	53.24	+0.83	4.61
Service Co Acc	71.41	75.97	+1.12	1.33
Do Inc	69.40	73.83	+1.09	1.33
Am Gth Acc	25.64	27.28●	+0.38	0.98
Do Inc	25.38	26.98●	+0.38	0.98
Euro Gth Acc	19.55	20.80	+0.43	0.17
Do Inc	19.34	20.57	+0.42	0.17
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road, Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	111.7	118.3	+1.1	0.75
Am Equity Inc	27.81	29.52●	+0.32	5.41
Am Spec Sits	58.35	61.76	+0.35	0.00
Australia	26.86	28.58	+0.25	1.02
European	75.06	80.90	+0.54	..
Euro Inc	23.43	24.91c	+0.13	3.76
Global Conv	22.35	23.91	+0.08	6.28
Far East Inc	40.60	43.02	-0.08	3.33
Gt/Fxd Interest	29.34	29.56●	-0.04	9.73
Growth/Inc	130.1	139.6	+2.3	3.96
Jap Spec Sits	82.91	88.13●	-0.14	..
Japan	173.8	184.9	+0.2	..
Managed Intl	136.4	145.1	+0.5	0.08
Inc Plus	114.7	123.1	+1.3	4.70
Famous Name	45.79	49.11	+0.88	1.41
SE Asia	48.89	49.93	-0.01	0.80
Spec Sits	321.8	345.2	+3.0	0.71
East Opps	26.04	27.70c	+0.02	0.00
Intl Bond	24.53	25.88●	+0.01	7.08
Recov	31.7	34.0	+0.5	1.98
Moneybuilder	28.23	31.13	+0.15	1.85
Euro Ops 1992	27.76	28.69	+0.24	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	187.1	197.9	+1.0	..
Do Acc	191.2	202.3	+1.1	..
Am T'rnd Inc	225.6	238.7	+1.4	..
Do Acc	234.0	247.8	+1.5	..
Capit Inc	278.8	295.0	+3.5	2.31
Do Acc	349.3	369.6	+4.4	2.31
Conv/Gilt Inc	113.4	119.9●	+1.4	5.52
Do Acc	166.6	176.2●	+2.0	5.52
Euro Inc	65.93	69.76	+0.36	0.94
Do Acc	66.48	70.34	+0.36	0.94
Extra Inc Inc	264.2	279.5●	+4.2	4.77
Do Acc	307.8	325.6●	+4.9	4.77
Financial Acc	50.33	53.25	+0.36	1.08
Do Inc	48.87	52.77	+0.35	1.08
Inc Trust	178.2	188.5	+2.8	4.30
Do Acc	204.2	216.0	+3.1	4.30
Intl Gth	152.1	160.9	+1.1	..
Do Acc	168.9	178.7	+1.2	..
Jap & Gen Inc	144.4	152.8c	+0.3	..
Do Acc	145.8	154.3c	+0.2	..
Monthly Inc	136.3	144.2●	+2.0	4.58
Do Acc	65.23	●	+1.18	3.34
PEP 87	56.76	59.31	..	3.01
PEP 88	199.6	211.2●	+1.1	1.98
Recov	222.2	235.1●	+1.2	1.98
Do Acc	62.72	66.38	+0.84	2.59
Smlr Inc	63.79	67.50	+0.86	2.59
Do Acc				
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	261.7	277.4	..	2.70
Do Acc	461.9	489.6	..	2.70
Euro Gth Dist	68.11	72.27●	..	0.52
Do Acc	68.52	72.70●	..	0.52
Fixed Int Dist	116.2	122.6	..	8.91
Do Acc	156.9	165.6	..	8.91
Intl Gth Dist	59.75	63.40	..	0.48
Do Acc	60.26	63.95	..	0.48
N Am Dist	122.9	130.3●	..	1.11
Do Acc	126.8	134.5●	+0.08	1.11
Pac Basn Dist	201.6	213.9●	..	0.17
Do Acc	202.0	214.3●	+0.06	0.17
Stwd Dist	205.0	216.5●	-1.56	1.52
Do Acc	226.3	238.9	-1.91	1.52
Stwd Inc Dist	62.22	65.55●	-0.30	3.69
Do Acc	64.56	68.42●	-0.32	3.69
NAm Stwd Dist	57.86	61.37●	-0.32	0.77
Do Acc	59.10	62.66●	-0.31	0.77
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	60.69	65.13	+1.10	0.45
UK Cap Inc	151.7	162.3●	+2.3	2.94
Do Acc	230.0	246.0●	+3.5	2.94
Do Spec Sits	62.35	67.05	+1.01	1.74
Inc Fund	114.8	122.8	+2.1	5.03
Intl	176.5	188.8	+0.4	1.00
US/Genrl	45.88	49.05	+0.01	0.95
Jap & Genrl	346.2	370.2	+1.8	0.27
Far East/Gen	141.3	151.2	+1.4	0.95
Euro	283.2	302.9	+2.8	0.20
Germany	63.69	67.73	+0.54	0.01
Intl Inc	51.05	54.60	+0.55	6.93
W'wid Spec Sit	68.33	73.09	+0.36	0.82
Global Prp Inc	53.36	57.08	+0.87	2.65
Do Acc	53.36	57.08	+0.68	2.85
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Acc	80.43	86.23●	+1.86	1.65
Do Dist	67.14	71.99●	+1.57	1.80
Capit Gth	28.41	30.15●	+0.58	2.28
Man Exmpt	257.7	278.8●	..	1.98
Prscl Inv Inc	78.09	83.74	+0.95	2.60
Do Acc	148.1	158.8	+1.82	2.50
UK Sel Opps	99.15	106.3	+0.98	0.82
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	63.94	68.39	+1.23	5.51
Fxd Interest	29.18	31.21●	+0.08	8.71
High Inc	33.66	36.00●	+1.08	4.68
Income	110.8	118.5●	+2.11	3.73
Intl Fxd Int	24.08	25.35	+0.09	7.25
UK Smll Cos	113.6	122.1	+2.13	1.47
International Trusts				
Commod Shrs	65.49	69.90	+0.16	1.84
Frontier Mkts	28.13	29.98	+0.10	0.40
Global	175.7	187.2	+0.68	0.22
Do Dist	166.4	177.3	+0.64	0.22
Glob Inc/Gth	79.3	81.7	+0.3	4.01
Gold Share	14.30	15.34	+0.05	2.15
Intl Sel Opps	114.9	122.9●	+0.70	0.69
W'wide Recov	96.87	103.2	+0.34	0.00
Overseas Trusts				
American	70.73	75.57	+0.53	1.11
Am Sel Opp	28.84	30.88	+0.06	0.00
Australian	14.72	15.72	+0.16	2.73
European	50.84	54.06c	+0.08	0.86
Euro Sel Opp	66.10	70.32●	+0.24	0.00
Far East	146.0	155.2	+0.38	0.00
Hedged Am	33.66	35.97	+0.25	0.50
Hong Kong	38.26	40.79c	+0.08	2.13
Japan	147.5	156.8	-1.06	0.00
Jap S/Opp	76.53	81.37	+0.21	0.00
Pacific Gth	57.44	61.12	-0.09	0.63
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing 01-588 0628				
Intl Gth	98.87	105.8	+0.45	0.99
Amer Growth	66.80	71.24●	+0.75	0.10
Amer Inc	65.17	69.70	+0.13	4.04
Euro Growth	51.03	54.57a	+0.12	1.17
Gold/Mins	50.97	54.51	+0.21	0.62
Jap Growth	74.47	79.64a	-0.14	..
Pacific Inc	96.68	103.4●	+0.14	2.81
Pacific Strat	49.34	52.77●	+0.16	0.41
UK Prog Inc	76.53	81.85	+1.85	4.43
UK Spec Opps	156.2	171.7●	+5.08	1.57
Gt British	43.12	46.11	+1.30	2.84
UK Smll Co	41.90	44.82a	+0.62	1.52
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 6903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	117.5	122.1	+0.5	9.13
Gth Equity	281.8	297.9	+4.2	2.31
Guardhill	380.8	404.9●	+8.5	2.70
Inc Tst	108.9	115.2	+2.3	5.24
Intl	119.3	126.2	+0.1	0.62
N Amer	131.4	139.0	+0.8	1.37
Pacific	300.9	318.4	-1.0	0.89
Prop Share	368.8	391.3●	+3.5	2.23
Smlr Cos	306.5	324.3	+2.9	1.77
Euro	274.2	290.1	-0.9	1.03
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ. Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	47.68	50.82	+0.37	0.80
High Inc	98.13	104.4●	+1.36	5.51
N Am	113.9	121.2	+0.6	0.53
Pacific Gth	48.48	51.58	+0.13	0.50
Recov	334.0	375.7	+4.9	1.96
St Vin Inc	117.0	120.1c	+2.5	5.47
St Vin US Gth	50.07	53.27c	+0.65	0.97
TB Sm Cos	270.8	283.3●	..	3.35
TBUSF	163.3	173.1	..	3.12
Euro Gth Tst	51.19	54.28	-0.21	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	58.84	60.30	+0.22	6.04
Canadian	47.17	50.04	..	0.68
Equity Inc	113.2	120.4	+2.0	5.72
Euro	91.62	97.20	+0.62	0.64
High Inc	86.31	91.81	+1.03	6.39
Intl Sits	51.12	54.98	+0.54	1.64
Jap & Far East	151.3	160.5	+0.3	0.01
N Am	60.74	64.44	+0.47	1.35
Recov/Asset	69.75	74.00●	+1.72	1.11
Scandinavian	91.19	96.75	+0.11	0.64
Smlr Cos	36.13	38.43a	+0.80	1.41
UK New Genm	43.24	45.89	+0.58	1.85
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	104.9	112.3	+0.1	0.13
Am Smlr Cos	43.36	46.48	-0.10	0.00
Australian	117.0	124.9	+0.5	1.30
Best of World	52.81	56.46●	+0.54	1.84
Capit Gth Inc	69.70	74.99	+1.32	2.06
Do Acc	83.54	89.88	+1.58	2.06
European	243.3	260.6	+1.8	0.76
Euro Inc	45.07	49.27●	+0.24	3.67
Euro Smlr Cos	89.83	96.28	+0.51	0.06
Extra Inc	251.8	271.4	+2.8	4.03
Do Acc	184.0	202.1	+2.6	2.02
Fixed Interest	52.25	56.49	+0.07	8.76
Gilt	39.78	41.97●	+0.14	11.10
Global H'care	84.54	90.66	+0.28	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	84.98	89.60●	+0.57	4.44
Global Resrces	75.17	80.89●	+2.08	2.35
Global Tech	99.46	107.1	-0.24	0.02
Gold	27.86	29.70●	..	0.00
High Inc	263.2	284.5●	+4.2	3.93
Hong Kong	66.18	70.62	-0.42	0.00
Income/Gth Inc	202.3	217.6	+3.5	3.09
Do Acc	427.3	459.8	+7.5	3.70
Inc Assets	147.3	157.9	+2.5	0.53
Intl	168.4	179.9	+0.5	0.53
Jap Spec Sits	225.5	240.8	+2.1	0.00
Jap	218.2	233.1●	+1.2	0.00
Nth Amer	132.8	141.3●	-0.3	0.34
Pac Smlr Cos	99.5	107.0	..	0.34
Pension Man	47.44	49.81	+0.64	2.92
Pref/Gilt	55.74	60.89	+0.06	10.03
Recov	155.2	170.5c	+2.1	2.00
Singap Malay	40.55	43.28●	+0.20	0.00
Smlr Cos Div	180.4	198.1●	+2.5	3.45
Spec Sits Inc	201.6	219.3	+2.5	1.30
Do Acc	290.5	316.0	+3.7	1.30
W'wide	516.2	556.1	..	2.52
Euro Exmpt	112.9	117.8	+0.9	0.84
Glo Tec Exmpt	67.07	69.86	-0.19	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	185.5	190.5	+2.8	3.95
Jap Exmpt	215.0	220.8●	+0.4	0.00
N Am Exmpt	88.91	93.16	+0.44	0.55
Pacific Exmpt	199.8	208.9	-0.2	2.36
Smlr Co Expt	179.2	181.0	+1.3	1.69
Best of British	43.47	46.48	+1.23	3.02
Spirit Of East	42.33	45.33	+0.28	1.90
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	69.56	74.39●	+1.18	2.23
Capit	127.7	136.5●	+3.6	2.28
Dollar	187.1	200.1	+0.7	0.95
Euro	125.1	138.0	-0.7	0.07
Far East	153.8	164.4●	+0.7	0.00
Financial	462.1	494.2	+7.6	2.81
G/F Intrst Inc	27.12	28.17●	+0.03	8.71
High Yield	94.81	101.4	+1.63	4.24
Inc Trust	117.1	125.2	+2.3	3.37
Intl	145.6	155.7●	+1.4	0.69
Jap Tech	55.54	60.45●	-0.16	0.00
Natrl Resrces	51.36	54.80	+0.45	1.07
Security	251.6	269.0	+4.6	1.70
Smlr Cos	132.8	142.0	+1.0	0.75
Spec Sits	136.5	146.0	+2.3	1.58
US Smlr Cos	26.76	28.64	+0.05	0.87
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4940				
Brit/Oseas	151.3	160.2	+7.3	1.84
Inc Plus	74.15	78.47	..	3.60
Cap Gth	74.57	78.91	..	4.00
Invest Trst	83.41	88.26	..	1.13
KEY FUND MANAGERS 66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 264778				
Equity/Gen	60.60	65.26	+1.41	2.37
Gt/Fxd Interest	71.62	75.58	+0.24	8.60
Higher Inc	147.4	157.7●	+2.0	5.65
Income	94.07	100.3	+1.26	3.71
Intl	65.59	69.92a	+0.68	0.59
Smlr Cos	60.77	64.82	+0.68	1.39
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers 01-623 8778				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	51.47	54.75●	+0.76	5.80
Do Acc	53.57	56.99	+0.82	5.80
Gilt Yield Inc	110.8	117.0	+0.4	9.32
Do Acc	225.2	237.6	+0.7	9.32
Global Inc	160.1	170.3●	+1.7	3.93
Do Acc	293.8	312.3	+3.0	3.93
High Yield Inc	119.5	127.1●	+2.2	5.03
Do Acc	253.8	280.6	+4.6	5.03
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	53.73	57.18●	+0.38	0.00
Do Acc	55.38	58.92●	+0.39	0.00
N Amer	45.76	48.68	+0.22	1.50
Do Acc	55.69	59.05	+0.27	1.50
Euro Inc	81.82	87.30	+0.13	1.85
Do Acc	115.7	122.8	+0.2	1.95
Euro Spec Inc	66.73	70.90	-0.08	1.71
Do Acc	67.27	71.47	-0.08	1.71
FO Invest Trst	26.38	28.07	+0.34	2.48
Do Acc	35.01	37.25	+0.45	2.48
Genrl Inc	220.8	234.8●	+5.2	2.81
Do Acc	319.2	339.6●	+7.6	2.61
Intl Recov	127.6	135.7	+2.0	1.50
Do Acc	138.2	147.0	+2.2	1.50
Jap Inc	342.0	363.8	+0.3	0.00
Do Acc	345.8	367.9	+0.2	0.00
Jap Spec	160.0	170.2	-0.4	0.03
Do Acc	160.8	171.0	-0.4	0.03
Master Acc	164.1	174.6	+0.7	1.27
Pacific Inc	197.5	210.1	+0.2	0.52
Do Acc	225.1	239.4	+0.3	0.52
Smlr Cos Inc	116.4	123.8	+0.9	1.35
Do Acc	142.5	151.6	+1.1	1.35
UK Equity Gth	31.71	33.74●	+0.66	1.67
Do Acc	53.84	57.28●	+1.11	1.67
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 63, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4806				
European	41.77	44.44	+0.11	0.00
Extra Inc	24.79	26.32●	+0.58	7.54
Far East	22.57	24.12	-0.03	0.00
Income/Gth	65.84	69.45a	+1.54	4.38
Intl Gth	40.35	42.93	+0.58	1.92
Japan	57.40	61.06●	+0.15	0.00
N Am Equity	25.65	27.61	+0.42	0.67
UK Equity	62.15	66.12	+1.28	2.78
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	327.7	348.6	+6.5	3.15
Do Acc	542.8	577.2	+10.8	3.15
Do Inc	83.47	88.80●	+1.39	4.21
European	63.93	68.01●	+0.13	0.57
Far East	161.6	171.9	+1.0	0.01
Fixed Interest	46.19	49.14	+0.11	8.06
Gilt	84.86	89.58	+0.52	7.52
Global Gth	53.94	57.38	+0.48	0.31
Intl Bond	43.30	46.04●	-1.17	5.71
Japanese	77.37	82.31	+0.60	0.01
O'seas Equity	90.72	96.51	+0.29	0.64
Natrl Res	97.28	103.5	+0.58	1.48
N Amer	82.24	87.49●	+0.47	0.86
UK Recov	54.43	57.90	+1.00	2.35
UK Spec Sits	95.88	102.0●	+1.38	1.76
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Manufacturers House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834313				
Balanced	233.7	248.6	+3.65	2.77
Do Acc	443.5	471.8	+6.94	2.77
Contl Euro Gth	35.56	37.71	+0.14	0.25
Do Acc	36.19	38.37	+0.14	0.25
Energy Intl	60.29	64.14c	+0.20	2.15
Do Acc	70.46	74.98	+0.24	2.15
Extra Inc	206.2	219.4	+2.30	4.89
Do Acc	410.6	437.0	+4.61	4.69
German Gth	59.13	62.68	+0.65	0.59
Do Acc	60.71	64.36	+0.67	0.59
Income	376.3	400.3	+4.95	3.84
Do Acc	805.9	857.4	+10.6	3.84
Intl Tech	198.3	211.0	+0.21	0.44
Do Acc	209.2	222.6	+0.22	0.44
Jap Growth	115.6	122.9	-0.26	0.01
Do Acc	116.0	123.3	-0.26	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	44.67	47.50	+0.29	1.20
Do Acc	45.51	48.38	+0.30	1.20
N Am & Gen	114.5	121.8●	+0.04	1.22
Do Acc	127.7	135.9	+0.05	1.22
NAm SC Rec	63.13	67.16	+0.57	0.01
Do Acc	63.26	67.30	+0.58	0.01
Pacific Basin	174.9	186.0●	+0.70	0.01
Do Acc	183.3	195.0●	+0.8	0.01
Smlr Cos/Rec	298.7	317.7	+3.01	1.89
Do Acc	348.1	370.3	+3.50	1.89
UK Gth Fund	64.15	68.24●	+0.73	2.44
Do Acc	66.94	71.21	+0.76	2.44
W'wide Growth	208.4	221.7	+0.78	0.70
Do Acc	297.1	316.1	+1.11	0.70
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282373				
Genrl	65.30	68.71	+1.58	3.10
Inc Trust	50.83	53.43	+1.00	4.90
Intl	38.18	40.53	+0.20	0.80
American	32.10	34.08	+0.17	1.60
Japan	52.99	56.25	-0.13	0.00
Trst Of Invst	41.45	44.00	+0.57	1.70
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing: 0245-266266				
Am & Gen Inc	217.4	230.4●	+1.5	1.31
Do Acc	261.4	277.1●	+2.0	1.31
Am Recov	243.5	259.6	+2.3	0.91
Do Acc	273.5	289.0	+2.6	0.91
Am Sm Co Acc	50.2	53.1	+0.4	0.28
Australia Acc	128.9	135.8c	+0.7	1.58
Comnod Acc	318.8	337.1●	+3.1	1.84
Compound Gth	595.5	637.2	+9.9	3.05
Conversn Gth	518.9	548.7c	+8.7	3.40
Do Inc	278.4	294.4c	+4.3	5.17
Dividend Inc	595.0	629.2	+9.8	4.65
Do Acc	£19.17	20.27	+0.30	4.65
Euro Acc	295.3	312.3	-0.1	1.21
Extra Yield Inc	344.5	364.3	+5.4	4.92
Do Acc	811.2	857.9	+12.8	4.92
Far East Inc	171.4	181.3c	+0.1	1.54
Do Acc	213.9	226.2	+0.1	1.54
Gt Inv Inc	347.3	369.1	+5.4	2.30
Do Acc	573.5	607.7	+8.9	2.30
Genrl Income	887.3	938.3●	+14.3	3.40
Do Acc	£20.16	21.31●	+0.32	3.40
Gt/Fxd Interest	59.3	62.3e	..	9.32
Do Acc	107.0	112.4	-0.3	9.32
Gold Inc	41.2	43.8●	+0.1	1.79
Do Acc	45.2	47.8	+0.1	1.79
High Inc Inc	455.5	481.8	+7.1	5.01
Do Acc	£13.60	14.38	+0.21	5.01
Intl Gth Inc	873.8	926.2●	+4.5	1.26
Do Acc	£14.44	15.31●	+0.07	1.26
Intl Inc	63.6	67.7	+0.4	5.11
Jap Acc	£11.54	12.21	-0.06	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	125.3	132.5	+0.3	0.00
Midland/Gen	£10.06	10.63	+0.16	3.77
Do Acc	£26.77	28.31	+0.44	3.77
Recov Inc	608.8	640.6●	+8.4	3.84
Do Acc	834.0	882.0	+11.5	3.84
2nd Gen Inc	£10.18	10.89●	+0.21	3.09
Do Acc	£21.45	22.83●	+0.33	3.09
Smlr Cos Inc	£11.35	12.01c	+0.16	2.82
Do Acc	£18.60	19.87c	+0.26	2.82
Trustee Inc	668.3	708.5	+10.5	3.74
Charibd Inc 3	105.0	●	..	10.63
Charifd Inc 2	561.4	587.1●	+8.6	5.44
Pension Ex 1	668.5	685.2	+10.1	4.07
NAACIF Inc 3	43.5	●	-0.7	8.25
Do Acc 3	674.0	●	+5.1	8.25
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gilt Gilt	84.50	85.90●	+0.12	4.43
Smlr Cos	32.77	34.82e	+0.26	1.52
Spec Features	27.21	28.91e	+0.45	1.16
Do Acc	28.89	30.68e	+0.47	1.10
General Funds				
UK Growth	43.53	46.25	+1.22	2.46
Asset/Earn Di	80.37	84.14●	+1.31	2.19
Do Acc	62.80	66.72●	+1.35	2.11
GB Co	388.0	413.4●	+10.3	2.53
Managed Inv	63.17	67.71●	+0.31	2.14
Rupert Child	53.78	57.35	+1.41	2.25
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	78.28	83.16●	+1.33	5.82
Gilt	26.37	27.81●	+0.11	8.67
Inc/Gth	51.95	54.18●	+0.73	3.87
Pref Shares	20.47	21.74c	+0.08	8.42
UK Income	272.1	291.0	+6.7	3.91
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	142.1	150.9	+1.0	1.68
Financial Secs	43.44	46.15	+0.74	3.55
Gold	42.92	46.03	-0.11	0.55
Do Acc	44.83	48.08	-0.12	0.52
Intl Leisure	18.03	19.15	+0.10	0.00
Prop Shares	78.03	82.90	+1.59	1.58
Univ Energy	59.12	62.81●	+0.49	1.81
World Tech	40.94	43.49	+0.38	0.36
Exempt Funds				
Exmpt	120.3	126.7	+2.9	3.42
Euro Expt Acc	77.10	82.72	+0.09	0.84
Euro Expt Inc	76.26	81.82	+0.09	0.86
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	136.2	145.4	+0.1	..
Australian Gth	44.85	47.94	+0.50	2.55
Drayton Jap	58.73	62.55	+0.03	0.00
Euro Perf	77.31	82.69	+0.18	0.25
Do Acc	78.15	83.60	+0.18	0.34
Euro Smlr Cos	13.96	15.02	-0.03	1.15
Far East	77.96	82.83	+0.24	0.20
French Gth	42.65	46.06●	+0.53	0.49
Do Acc	43.43	46.68●	+0.53	0.48
Hong Kong	26.79	28.57●	-0.09	2.10
Intl Gth	41.22	43.79	+0.19	1.75
Jap Perf	122.0	130.1	+0.7	0.00
Do Acc	122.0	130.1	+0.7	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	28.58	30.82	+0.49	0.80
Sing/ASEAN	33.19	35.62	-0.08	1.09
Do Acc	33.20	35.63	-0.08	1.09
SE Asia	36.58	38.69	-0.03	0.78
US Sml Co	83.42	88.51	+0.80	0.00
Do Acc	84.09	89.24	+0.81	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	64.82	68.85●	+0.32	3.56
Intl Bond	46.86	49.43c	+0.84	8.53
US Income	50.86	54.10	+0.26	4.16
Do Acc	58.38	63.41	+0.30	3.35
MEL Trusts				
Nelster Gilt	70.41	72.18	+0.13	8.12
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	26.35	28.04●	+0.17	1.02
Emerg	25.1	26.7●	+0.2	1.65
Genrl	43.31	46.07	+0.86	2.53
Intl	60.32	64.17	+0.52	1.39
Gilt Unit	25.17	26.50	-0.11	8.37
Inc/Gth	72.11	76.71	+1.33	3.59
Euro	36.60	38.93	+0.21	1.18
Safety 1st	25.60	27.23	+0.33	6.48
UK Smlr Cos	24.28	25.78●	+0.38	2.54
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 680066				
Inv Port Acc	103.8	110.8	+1.5	2.71
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD 46, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-225 4372				
Far East	96.56	102.5	..	0.75
Inc Fund	57.98	61.54●	..	4.84
European	44.18	46.90●	..	1.12
N Amer	31.36	33.29	..	0.86
Gilt/Fxd	57.48	61.01	..	2.02
Intl Gth	477.9	507.3	..	1.81
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	100.5	107.2	+1.0	0.18
Do Acc	107.2	114.3	+1.1	0.18
Am Income	43.98	46.98	+0.35	4.07
Do Acc	51.99	55.36	+0.41	4.07
Euro Growth	121.2	129.2	-0.3	2.62
Do Acc	128.1	136.7	-0.2	2.62
General	351.9	374.4	+7.6	2.82
Do Acc	600.2	640.2	+13.0	2.82
Gilt/Fixed	84.21	86.77	+0.28	6.62
Do Acc	113.0	119.2	+0.4	6.62
Income	114.9	122.6●	+2.0	4.40
Do Acc	139.5	148.8c	+2.3	4.40
Intl	287.7	306.3	+2.7	1.90
Do Acc	369.5	393.6	+3.5	1.90
Japan	202.5	215.3●	+0.9	0.00
Do Acc	207.8	221.1●	+1.0	0.00
Recov	288.3	307.5	+4.2	2.93
Do Acc	323.5	345.1	+4.7	2.93
Exempt Dist	334.4	343.0●	+10.0	4.45
Do Acc	543.7	557.7●	+18.2	4.45
Euro Inc	65.75	70.01●	-0.26	4.79
Do Acc	72.75	77.47●	-0.29	4.79
Am Smlr Dist	40.57	43.26	+0.54	0.00
Do Acc	41.13	43.87	+0.55	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	49.35	52.64	+1.23	2.83
Do Acc	51.32	54.74	+1.38	2.83
Portf Dist	49.35	52.84	+0.45	0.40
Do Acc	49.89	53.22	+0.46	0.40
High Inc Dist	50.07	53.41●	+0.76	5.44
Do Acc	53.89	57.48●	+0.82	5.44
High Intl Dist	44.07	46.83	+0.03	8.39
Do Acc	48.48	52.53●	+0.03	8.39
Pacific Dist	48.98	52.32	+0.27	1.05
Do Acc	50.42	53.70	+0.28	1.05
UK Smlr Dist	50.75	54.14●	+0.43	1.05
Do Acc	52.33	55.82●	+0.44	1.05
Am Sm Cos Ex	40.82	41.97	+0.14	0.14
Do Acc	41.21	42.25	+0.15	0.14
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Deacon House 160, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3HD Tel: 0742 529				
British Dist	55.35	58.88c	+1.24	2.48
Do Acc	58.35	59.88c	+1.24	2.48
Capit Income	114.8	121.9	+2.3	2.48
Do Acc	164.2	174.7●	+3.4	2.48
Extra High Inc	72.53	77.16●	+1.01	6.72
Do Acc	96.91	103.1●	+1.36	6.72
Gt/Fxd Income	53.01	55.36	+0.25	7.67
Do Acc	102.1	106.6	+0.5	7.67
High Yield	212.3	225.8	+4.1	4.86
Do Acc	400.5	426.1	+7.8	4.86
Income	238.8	253.9●	+4.2	3.75
Do Acc	424.3	451.4●	+7.6	3.75
Intl High St Dis	53.53	57.27	+0.83	2.80
Do Acc	54.73	58.22	+0.85	2.80
Jap & Pacific	356.9	378.2	+1.2	0.00
Do Acc	373.2	397.7	+1.3	0.00
Mandarin	50.58	54.16	+0.01	1.49
N Amer Inc	105.2	111.9	+1.0	0.71
Do Acc	123.4	137.7	+1.0	0.71
Euro Gth Inc	112.4	118.5	+0.6	0.78
Do Acc	137.9	145.4	+0.7	0.78
Managed Portf	65.01	69.04c	+0.79	1.88
Meridian Gth	111.8	118.3	+2.0	1.74
Meridian Inc	107.8	114.1	+1.7	3.74
Smlr Cos Inc	185.5	195.2●	+1.3	2.25
Do Acc	188.5	199.2●	+1.5	2.25
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0525 Enquiries: 01-826 0123				
Amer Gth	118.3	126.8●	+0.8	2.74
Euro Gth	142.9	152.1	+0.7	2.19
Intl Gth	122.8	130.7	+1.2	1.37
UK Equity Inc	115.2	122.8	+2.4	4.28
UK Eq In Acc	117.2	124.9	+2.4	4.28
UK Eq In Trckr	108.1	114.4	+2.8	3.93
US Eq In Trckr	112.3	118.9	+1.2	2.10
Do Acc	112.3	118.9	+1.2	2.10
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090833				
Amer Inc	105.7	112.3●	..	4.94
European	46.47	49.25●	..	1.41
Far East	103.3	110.0	..	0.07
Olympiad	44.72	47.58●	..	0.75
Olympiad Inc	37.99	40.48	..	5.98
Smlr Cos	68.97	73.52e	..	1.84
UK Equity Inc	80.29	85.70	..	5.29
UK Growth	59.37	63.37	..	2.36
N M SCHRODER The Bitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730				
Amer Acc	26.92	28.71	+0.22	1.50
Australia Acc	190.3	204.1●	+2.3	1.58
Conscience Inc	46.88	50.04	+0.77	2.00
Do Acc	47.71	50.91	+0.78	2.00
Euro Inc	114.9	122.5	+0.8	1.07
Do Acc	119.9	127.8	+0.9	1.07
Extra Inc	73.15	78.44●	+1.09	5.48
Extra Inc Acc	87.66	93.59●	+1.29	5.48
F East Gth Acc	106.3	113.6	-1.5	0.30
Gt/Fxd Income	52.89	55.76●	+0.28	8.88
Gold Inc	37.51	40.33	+0.10	1.14
Do Acc	40.14	43.16	+0.11	1.14
Inc	43.72	53.03e	+0.86	5.13
Do Acc	122.5	130.8e	+2.2	5.13
Intl Inc	25.22	27.05	+0.23	0.70
Do Acc	35.48	38.05	+0.32	0.70
Jap Sm Co Acc	206.3	220.0●	-7.5	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	61.17	67.04	+0.52	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	37.77	40.61●	+0.53	1.73
Spec Sits Inc	29.89	31.81●	+0.20	1.32
Do Acc	31.48	33.64●	+0.21	1.32
Tokyo Inc	76.51	81.61●	-0.18	0.00
Do Acc	77.29	82.44●	-0.18	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	47.72	51.03	+0.21	0.00
UK Equity Inc	138.5	148.7●	+2.7	3.66
Do Acc	228.6	244.9●	+4.5	3.66
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD Pearl Assurance House Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SA Tel: Dealings 0800-626577 Inquiry 0733-67767				
Gth Trust Inc	115.7	121.7	+2.6	2.38
Do Acc	180.2	189.7	+4.1	2.38
Inc Trust	175.0	188.1	+4.2	3.40
Intl Equity Inc	159.3	168.4	+1.9	1.31
Do Acc	165.0	175.5	+2.0	1.31
Equity Inc	172.8	183.7	+4.2	2.72
Do Acc	318.6	338.9	+7.7	2.72
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	304.1	325.2	+3.80	1.51
Income	237.2	253.7	+5.65	4.60
W'wide Rec	172.4	184.4●	+3.02	1.82
Am Growth	72.83	77.80●	+0.77	1.03
Intl Emerg Cos	78.16	83.60	+0.49	0.70
Far East Growth	112.8	120.4	-0.37	1.06
Euro Gth	63.44	67.86	+0.85	1.26
UK Growth	45.26	48.41	+0.88	2.82
High Inc	54.28	58.06●	+0.73	6.20
Jap Gth	103.3	110.5	-0.53	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
Intl	132.7	141.1	+1.0	0.95
High Inc	90.37	96.45	+1.49	4.87
Conv/Gilt	124.8	132.6	+1.6	6.65
Far East	252.2	269.1	+1.7	0.81
Nth Amer	124.0	132.7	+0.8	0.01
Spec Sits	102.9	110.0	+2.3	0.79
Technology	119.7	128.0	+0.1	0.76
Extra Inc	136.1	145.3	+3.5	4.34
Euro Gth/Inc	44.67	47.72●	+0.36	2.36
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-58, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 UnitLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	557.8	593.8	+13.7	2.61
European	110.0	117.7	+0.88	0.69
Holb Comms	66.90	71.55●	+0.90	0.35
Holb High Inc	84.18	90.03	+1.71	6.06
Holb Intl	111.0	118.7●	+0.92	0.67
Japanese	158.8	169.8	-0.34	0.04
N Amer	77.45	82.83	+0.15	0.73
Holb Spec Sits	96.47	103.3●	+1.94	1.64
Holb UK Gth	102.2	109.3	+1.9	2.34
Holb Premier	43.43	45.45●	+0.67	2.08
Holb Smlr Cos	68.36	73.14	+0.78	2.90
Holb Eqty Inc	67.18	71.85●	+0.71	4.73
Holb Intl SC	47.71	51.03	+0.21	0.05
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2861/4				
Income	120.5	128.8	+2.62	4.47
Japan	232.3	250.1●	+0.56	0.00
Major UK Co	67.07	72.05	+1.86	2.51
Smlr Aus	77.51	83.44	+0.35	2.04
Amer Inc	275.4	287.8	+2.49	1.09
Do Acc	309.2	331.2	+2.77	1.09
Smlr Cos	207.3	227.1	+1.78	2.22
Smlr Canada	38.00	41.16	-0.14	1.20
Smlr Euro Cos	168.4	181.4	-0.05	0.57
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealings: 01-638 2381				
Cap Gwth Inc	75.71	81.41	+0.95	2.78
Do Acc	91.67	98.58	+1.17	0.00
Pacific Basin	164.2	175.4	-0.8	2.52
Do 8% Wthd	77.10	82.39	-0.37	0.00
Finance/Prop	86.96	92.51	+1.25	2.63
Fixed/Conv	47.09	50.63●	+0.31	7.55
Do Acc	91.74	98.60●	+0.80	7.03
Equity Inc	112.6	121.1●	+2.9	4.28
Do Acc	291.3	313.2●	+7.6	4.28
High Yield Inc	118.0	126.9	+1.6	5.10
Do Acc	349.3	375.6	+4.5	5.10
Intl Inc	89.11	95.82	+0.47	0.00
Do Acc	93.24	100.3	+0.51	0.00
Preference Inc	50.06	53.83●	+0.44	7.03
Do Acc	188.9	203.1●	+1.7	7.03
Smlr Cos	73.18	80.77	+2.24	2.19
Do Acc	83.50	89.79	+2.50	2.19
Pres Canada	49.07	49.52	..	0.00
Pres Commod	53.94	57.23	..	0.07
Pres Europe	102.7	103.3	..	0.00
Pres Global	49.24	49.48	..	5.13
Pres Gold	37.76	37.95	..	0.13
Pres HK	37.42	37.61	..	0.07
Pres Jap	134.5	135.3	+0.2	0.00
Pres Sing/M	44.42	44.65	..	0.08
Pres UK	58.69	59.19	+2.49	1.27
Pres US	67.57	68.31	+0.58	1.29
W'wide Alpha	53.67	59.86	+0.58	1.78
Do Acc	55.98	60.18	+0.56	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	51.48	54.78	+0.12	5.80
Capit	115.8	122.9	+0.9	1.26
Commod	72.27	76.88	+0.25	0.95
Euro Growth	104.8	111.4	+0.2	0.53
Financial Secs	117.1	124.5	+1.4	2.32
High Return	245.3	260.5●	+3.6	4.18
High Yield	227.2	241.8	+3.8	3.84
Inc Units	117.9	125.3c	+1.0	5.53
Investment	119.8	127.4	+1.8	2.48
Jap Growth	130.1	138.3	..	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	150.1	159.6	-0.9	0.00
Masterfund	35.32	37.57	+0.14	2.43
Scotbits	166.7	177.3●	+2.0	2.58
Scotshares	230.0	244.5	+1.8	2.11
Scotyields	215.0	228.7	+3.9	4.41
Select Intl	96.22	102.3	+0.90	0.98
Smlr Cos Inc	249.7	265.6	+2.3	3.70
Spec Sits	134.0	142.5	+1.4	1.91
UK Equity	234.5	249.4●	+5.3	3.45
US Growth	76.44	81.31	+0.90	0.98
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2200				
Equity Auth	438.6	467.1	+9.32	3.45
Equity Strat	53.62	57.11	+1.23	2.67
Euro Opp	48.48	52.71	+0.42	7.05
UK Smlr Cos	50.57	53.98	+0.43	0.94
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	236.0	252.4	+4.8	2.66
Columbus	150.8	161.2	+1.0	1.33
Marco Polo	246.6	263.7	+0.1	0.22
Da Vinci	251.4	279.6	+2.5	1.31
Drake	58.48	63.61	+0.60	0.98
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	243.7	263.3	+5.6	3.04
UK Sm Cos Eq	237.8	253.0	+2.9	2.46
European	197.2	209.8	+1.1	1.40
N Amer	127.9	136.1	+1.0	1.33
Inc Plus	59.25	63.04	+0.72	5.84
UK Spec Sit	71.09	75.63	+0.86	2.81
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	19.92	20.28a	+0.48	3.14
Intl Gth Acc	20.26	21.68a	+0.14	0.65
Global Inc Acc	20.22	21.84e	+0.10	5.85
Mkt Leadr Acc	18.41	19.70a	+0.49	3.92
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT Enterprise House Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733				
O'seas Sm Co	54.37	57.83c	+0.12	0.33
Pension Charit	721.1	787.1●	..	3.97
Recov	£12.43	13.22●	..	3.21
UK Sml Cos Ex	109.1	116.0c	+1.2	2.16
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	29.65	31.50●	+0.30	2.03
Equity Gth Acc	35.58	37.80●	+0.51	2.78
Equity High Inc	35.44	37.65	+0.27	4.40
Equity Genrl	30.95	32.88	+0.43	2.54
Do Acc	36.30	38.57	+0.55	2.54
G/F Intrst Inc	27.70	29.14	+0.01	8.17
O'seas Lgr Acc	209.3	223.8	+0.9	2.14
Nth Amer Acc	24.94	26.49●	+0.11	1.22
Far East Acc	47.60	50.57●	+0.04	0.03
Euro Acc	25.21	27.85●	-0.04	1.40
UK Lgr Inc	218.1	235.6	+3.1	3.49
Do Acc	242.3	262.9	+4.5	3.49
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	214.4	228.3	+0.8	0.53
Do Acc	245.7	261.8	+0.9	0.53
Do Wthdl	132.7	141.3	+0.5	0.53
Australian Inc	177.4	188.9	+1.2	0.25
Do Acc	182.7	194.6	+1.2	0.25
British Inc	891.7	949.7	+19.8	4.23
Do Acc	£12.69	13.80	+0.01	4.23
Euro Inc	269.4	286.9	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	285.5	304.1	+1.1	0.57
Jap Inc	94.41	100.5	-0.21	0.10
Do Acc	95.16	101.3	-0.21	0.10
Saints PPP	216.8	227.5	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56253				
Equity Acc	519.7	552.9●	+9.6	2.02
NAm Acc	59.80	63.43●	+0.66	1.43
Far East Acc	118.6	126.2●	+0.3	0.86
W'wide Bond	47.73	50.22	-0.05	6.50
European	52.19	55.20	-0.12	2.49
Equity Inc	68.49	72.86	+0.81	4.74
W'wide Tech	42.28	44.96	+0.05	0.97
W'wide Recl	43.07	45.82	+0.43	1.38
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing no 0256 841414				
UK Income	34.57	36.83	..	4.88
Do Gth	30.53	32.48	..	2.70
W'wide	22.32	23.74	..	1.75
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	107.5	114.4	+0.91	1.26
Do Acc	115.4	122.8	+0.97	1.26
Br Gth Inc	62.91	66.93	+1.79	2.41
Do Acc	65.83	70.03	+1.87	2.41
Euro Inc	55.64	59.40●	+0.18	0.44
Do Acc	57.43	61.10●	+0.18	0.44
Extra Inc Inc	165.8	176.4c	+2.75	4.78
Do Acc	214.0	227.7c	+3.56	4.78
Genrl Unit Inc	189.6	212.4●	+5.28	2.60
Do Acc	351.5	373.9●	+9.31	2.60
Gilt/Fixed	48.08	50.05	..	9.12
Do Acc	73.80	76.68	..	9.12
Inc Trust	298.1	317.1	+7.15	4.16
Do Acc	507.1	539.5	+12.1	4.16
Intl	380.4	393.4	+3.25	0.13
Do Acc	455.4	484.5	+4.11	0.13
Pacific	241.8	257.3	+1.27	0.00
Do Acc	251.4	267.5	+1.33	0.00
Natrl Resrces	69.44	73.87	+0.35	0.53
Do Acc	73.6	78.3	+0.4	0.53
Selected Opps	90.31	96.07	+1.89	1.69
Do Accum	103.1	109.6	+2.15	1.69
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	70.60	75.33	+0.65	1.58
Australian	7.69	8.21●	+0.07	0.00
Commod	81.56	87.60	+0.79	0.00
Equity	166.3	179.8●	+2.3	3.74
Equity Exmpt	125.6	134.5	..	2.12
Equity Ex Acc	239.0	257.0	..	2.12
Euro Spec Sits	89.94	95.59	+0.43	0.71
Convertible	148.9	161.0●	+0.7	5.29
Financial	33.45	35.42●	+0.51	2.34
Global Inc	51.27	55.82	+0.59	0.65
Do Acc	61.73	66.32	+0.80	0.85
Gold Inc	46.32	49.75	-0.07	0.00
Do Acc	85.32	91.65	-0.12	0.00
Income	114.4	123.3	+1.6	4.28
Japan	144.4	155.3	+0.6	0.00
Pacific Inc	131.4	141.8	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	163.0	175.5	+2.3	0.00
Pref Share	25.98	27.97●	+0.14	7.40
UK Capit	100.0	107.2●	+3.3	1.51
Spec Sits	99.79	107.4●	+0.26	3.17
World Cap	164.5	177.1●	+1.6	1.73
World Inc	55.79	59.71●	+0.45	5.09
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 6546				
Am Opp Dist	42.95	45.60c	+0.18	1.16
Do Acc	[illegible]	45.80c	+0.18	1.15
Euro Opp Dist	45.84	48.36	-0.05	0.00
Do Acc	45.10	48.09	-0.05	0.00
F East Opp Dl	105.2	112.2	+0.22	0.00
Do Acc	105.5	112.5	+0.22	0.00
Gold Opp Dl	35.92	38.37●	-0.10	1.15
Do Acc	35.80	38.27●	-0.10	1.18
Intl Hi Yld Dist	48.43	51.72●	-0.46	3.69
Do Acc	51.28	54.60●	+0.46	3.69
Jap Opp Dist	64.22	68.49	+0.17	0.78
Do Acc	64.22	68.49	+0.17	0.78
Kangaroo Dist	31.08	33.14	+0.25	0.44
Do Acc	31.25	33.33	+0.25	0.44
Orient Inc Dist	28.51	30.40	+0.04	2.65
Do Acc	29.78	31.76	+0.04	2.65
Pac Tech Dist	56.08	59.81	+0.23	0.00
Do Acc	56.08	59.81	+0.23	0.00
Tiger Dist	105.7	113.8	+0.14	0.39
Do Acc	107.7	114.8	+0.14	0.39
UK Hi Yld Dist	42.87	45.71	+0.69	7.42
Do Acc	47.49	50.64	+0.77	7.42
UK Opp Dist	45.74	48.91c	+0.62	1.77
Do Acc	47.40	50.60c	+0.65	1.77
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	39.14	41.74	..	0.10
Eur Spec Sit	21.32	22.35	..	0.50
Do Acc	27.98	29.84	..	0.10
Genrl Growth	69.80	74.25●	..	0.14
Global Tech	58.85	62.72	..	4.55
Inc Growth	81.75	86.96●	..	5.68
Inc Monthly	61.74	65.65●	..	0.00
Jap Growth	75.53	80.33	..	3.30
Man Equity Inc	28.42	30.40	..	3.30
Do Acc	29.67	31.73	+0.26	0.00
O'seas Gth	54.99	58.75	..	2.04
Smlr Cos	95.68	102.3	+0.30	2.23
Spec Opp	110.2	117.8●	..	0.60
WW Spec Sits	28.02	29.96●	..	0.50
Do Accum	28.05	30.01●	..	0.50
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Utd Charities	193.8	208.7	+4.0	4.35
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 99 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: 01-374 0801				
Amer	61.08	65.32	..	1.80
Pacific Perf	130.9	140.0	..	0.50
Intl Gth	72.37	77.40	..	0.40
Inc Tst	128.0	137.0	..	5.50
Jap Gth	209.3	223.9	..	0.10
Sml Co	147.6	157.8c	..	1.80
Technology	30.89	33.03	..	0.10
Australia	63.02	67.40●	..	2.70
Uk	176.3	188.5	..	2.60
Euro Gth	53.38	57.06	..	0.10
Hong Kong	35.60	38.15	..	1.50
Intl	20.43	21.85●	..	8.00
Sing Malay	25.40	27.18	..	0.30
Br Wrrs	27.97	29.91	..	2.40
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	16.25	17.29●	..	0.00
Pacific Basin	25.83	27.54	+0.03	0.50
Canadian Gth	46.80	49.78	+0.11	0.10
Ginnie Mie	95.52	99.50	+0.27	8.90
Penny Share	28.55	30.37	-0.19	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4404				
Gth Fund	188.0	200.0	+1.0	1.28
Inc Fund	126.1	134.1●	+1.9	4.05
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Sht Dtd Gilt	80.60	81.82	+0.02	8.77
US Govt Bond	£54.85	54.89	+0.01	0.00
Challenger	54.02	54.72	-0.07	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	65.16	69.32	+0.42	5.90
Income	84.52	89.91●	+1.07	3.75
Growth	56.52	59.43	+1.62	1.68
Prop Shares	54.69	58.22	+0.42	1.31
Smlr Cos	62.09	66.05	+0.32	1.85
European	57.40	61.07●	+0.51	0.45
Far Eastern	55.18	58.69	+0.28	1.21

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988/89 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
18½	6½	A & M Gp	7½	9	-½	..	..	..
505	228	ASD	495	510	+10	14.0	2.8	14.1
75	50	ATA Selection	68	73	..	2.6	3.7	18.8
38	11	Aberdeen Pet	15	17	..	..	..	..
111	48	Aberdeen Stk Hse	55	60	+2	2.0	3.4	14.3
187	146	Acal	184	188	+4	4.9	2.6	14.8
37	22	Acorn Comp	24	27	●	..	..	..
80	40	Acses Group	52	57	..	0.8	1.5	69.6
262	112	Airsprung	163	173	..	6.8	4.0	10.4
104	97	Allied Ins	95	102	..	5.3	5.4	10.8
83	48	Ald Restaurants	53	58	..	2.0	3.6	10.0
131	76	Amer Bus Sys	122	127	..	2.4	1.9	13.3
210	151	Antler	175	182	..	4.8	2.7	14.7
31	28½	Apollo Watch Prods	28½	30	..	..	..	..
352	225	App Holographics	222	232	..	..	..	..
515	170	Ashtead	290	300	r +5	2.7	0.9	19.4
561	373	Aspen Comms	537	547	+2	7.3b	1.3	23.8
330	253	Asprey	295	310	..	6.5	2.1	13.6
79	21	Assoc Energy	55	58	+1	..	..	59.4
150	133	Assoc Nursing	142	147	..	2.7	1.9	18.5
99	71	Atlantic Sec	90	95	..	..	..	..
320	165	Atlas Equipment	315	325	+5	10.7	3.3	17.3
121	111	Automagic	113	118	+1	8.7	7.5	29.5
56	30	BBB Design	27	32	-1	2.0	6.7	8.4
49	27	BCE	29	31	●	1.3	4.3	48.4
144	92	BLP Group	108	115	r +3	4.6b	4.3	17.1
297	70	BTS Grp	87	92	..	5.7	6.3	..
114	92	BWD	106	108	..	5.0	4.7	8.6
275	135	Beaverco	260	270	..	7.9	3.0	17.0
120	73	Bedford (William)	85	95	+3	3.0e	3.3	8.3
98	71	Bensons Crisps	92	97	..	1.1	1.2	18.7
120	82	Berry,Birch & Noble	85	95	+2	6.0	6.7	9.1
119	92	Bilston&Battersea	85	105	..	5.6	5.8	12.5
43	22	Bio Isolates	29	32	..	..	..	..
31	18	Bimec Inds	25	27	-1	..	..	..
105	38	Blanchards	57	62	+2	..	..	..
210	183	Blatchley Motors	180	190	..	..	..	..
780	435	Blenheim Exhib	750	770	..	10.7	1.4	30.3
337	187	Bluebird Toys	200	210	..	8.3	4.0	8.2
49	29	Border TV	44	48	●	2.5	5.4	9.6
122	58	Borland	75	80	..	..	..	12.5
21	8½	Brewmaker	8½	10	r	..	..	..
247	133	Br Bloodstock	235	245	..	11.7	4.9	41.2
138	71	Br Island	120	128	..	2.7	2.2	14.3
52	29	Broad St	35½	37	●	1.5	4.1	32.9
199	153½	Broadwell Land	180	185	● +5	5.4	3.0	6.4
550	335	Brookmount	495	515	+5	7.7	1.5	18.4
7	2¾	Bula Resources	3	3¼	-¼	..	..	2.5
108	86	CCA Publications	83	88	-2	4.0	4.7	25.3
151	106	CML Micro	145	150	..	1.9	1.3	16.9
94	47	CPU Comp	50	60	..	..	..	16.1
154	15¾	CSL Corp	148	152	-1	2.9	1.9	27.4
258	180	Cairn Energy	253	263	+18	..	..	..
50	50	Caledonian	45	55	..	..	..	..
230	158	Campbell & Arm	212	222	+9	6.2	2.9	13.3
131	60	Cap & Regional	122	127	+2	0.5	0.4	47.0
159	122½	Carron Phoenix	120	125	●	5.3	4.3	13.1
58	45	Cassidy Bros	50	55	..	4.1	7.7	8.4
297	165	Castle Comm	292	302	r +2	9.8	3.2	18.1
103	80	Central Motor	97	102	+2	3.7	3.7	11.0
220	130	Chelsea Man	210	220	..	3.9	1.8	23.4
162	73	Chesterfield Gp	157	164	+2	6.7	4.2	10.1
111	95	Chieftan Group	109	112	+1	..	..	..
23	7¾	Cifer	11	12½	r	..	..	..
170	112	Circaprint	138	148	..	3.2	2.2	10.1
323	275	Citygate	302	307	● +2	9.0	3.0	10.4
321	278	Citygate CP	297	307	+7	5.0	1.7	..
110	70	City of Lon	71	78	+1	1.0	1.4	10.9
128	65	Cityvision	125	127	+1	0.7	0.6	..
171	138	Clarke Hooper	157	162	●	4.3	2.7	13.0
31	14	Clogau Gold	18	20	..	..	..	..
119	68	Cliff Resources	75	77	..	..	..	..
100	35	Coated Electrodes	42	47	..	●	..	20.9
39	18	Colorgen Inc	20	21½	+2½	..	..	..
235	156	Colorgraphic	227	235	+1	8.4	2.8	18.8
400	145	Colourvision	343	353	● +3	8.7	2.5	19.9
100	71	Co of Designers	92	97	●	4.7	4.9	11.4
87	32	Conroy Pet	53	58	+2	..	..	..
63	29	Cons Tam Invs	30	33	-2	..e	..	..
230	160	Cord Microwave	230	240	..	4.2	1.8	15.3
203	138	Cook (DC)	172	177	● +7	4.3	2.5	12.8
162	101	Copymore	150	157	..	2.7	1.8	18.8
79	48	Corporate Prop	62	65	..	2.3	3.6	32.3
81	53	Corton Bch	71	74	-1	0.7	1.0	12.5
510	290	Crampborn	460	475	..	7.3	1.6	24.0
85	60	Cranbrook	65	85	..	0.7	1.2	31.9
108	73	Cranswick	77	82	..	7.4	9.3	10.6
91	73	Craton Lodge	70	75	●	3.3	4.5	..
455	180	Creighton Labs	390	400	● +2	7.5	1.9	17.2
249	65	Crown Corn	240	247	-3	4.0	1.6	..
225	97	Davies (DY)	105	115	+5	5.3	4.8	19.8
171	115	Dean & Bowes	165	170	+3	6.0	3.6	19.8
63	50	Delmar	60	63	..	3.1	5.0	12.4
205	100	Denmans Elec	195	205	●	6.1	3.1	8.0
135	90	Dewey Warren	103	107	..	..e	..	..
198	105	Dolphin Packaging	165	170	+3	4.3	2.6	17.7
460	370	Druck	455	465	+7	8.3	1.8	14.6
48	25½	Dunton	34½	36	+1½	1.3	3.7	13.3
136	101	Dudley Jenkins	113	118	..	2.7	2.3	16.9
68	48	Durham (DG)	61	63	..	..e	..	..
95	81	EW Fact	78	83	-4	4.0	4.9	8.4
55	43	Eadie	53	56	..	2.2	4.0	26.9
108	78	Ecco Forestry	90	95	● -2	4.3	4.6	9.5
34	23	Eson Oil & Gas	27	29	+1	..e	..	..
635	325	Eldridge Pope 'A'	585	600	-7	12.0	2.1	20.0
152	105	Electron House	147	152	+2	6.7	4.5	11.6
170	101	Eown	120	125	..	6.4	5.2	10.2
234	125	Eve Group	230	237	..	8.7	3.7	13.3
150	80	Expedier Leisure	106	110	r +2	2.9	2.7	..
53	19	Explaura Hldgs	46	47½	..	..	..	..
28½	9½	Fairhaven Ind	11	12	..	..	..	..
83	35	Fairway London	45	50	..	3.3	6.9	8.1
137	125	Farepak	133	138	+3	6.3	4.6	10.5
81	42	Feedback	52	58	..	3.3	6.1	17.3
72	23	Fennm Mining	31	36	..	..	..	..
26	10¼	Fergebrook	14	15½	..	..	..	8.2
138	33	Fields (Mrs)	35	38	..	..	..	..
151	81	Fiofar	67	72	+2	4.3	6.1	8.7
78	23	Firstland	33	36	-1	..	..	..
57	39	Flexitech	55	58	+2	..	..	..
240	170	Flogas	210	230	●	..	..	..
36	17	Floyd Energy	17	18	-¼	..	..	..
132	94	Ford Sellar	106	109	● +3	4.0	3.7	14.7
195	163	Forward Gp	160	170	..	4.0	2.4	14.8
246	213	Freeman Gp	243	248	+3	9.0	3.7	12.9
170	93	French Conn	97	107	-1	7.0	6.9	6.7
420	385	Fuller Smith 'A'	405	425	-5	6.1	1.2	23.6
695	325	GWR Gp	680	710	..	4.0	0.6	18.1
80	43	GC Flooring	46	51	..	2.7	5.5	39.5
149	103	Gabicci	105	110	+2	5.3	4.9	7.3
188	135	Gardiner (DC)	185	190	..	2.7	1.4	21.8
180	115	Gibbon Lyons	155	170	●	6.3	3.9	14.5
323	206	Gibbs Mew	260	275	+3	6.3	2.4	27.2
95	33	Global Gp	42	47	-1	2.3	5.1	10.5
10	1	Godwin Warren	1	1	..	2.9	..	0.3
132	68	Granyte Surface	125	130	..	4.0	3.1	18.0
272	203	Great Southern	208	218	..	8.4	3.9	14.4
228	193	Green (Ernest)	195	210	+3	6.3	3.1	11.1
41	23	Greenwich Comms	22	27	..	..	..	..
75	50	Guidehouse	53	58	+1	1.9	3.4	13.7
220	135	Halls Homes	172	182	-3	6.1	3.4	22.0
98	73	Hampden Homecare	88	93	+1	2.4	2.6	11.2
186	134	Handley Walker	183	188	+3	5.1	2.7	20.5
70	55	Harmony Leisure	66	68	+1	0.2	0.3	80.7
175	100	Hatfield Estates	155	165	..	4.0	2.5	7.8
53½	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	49	50	●	0.4	0.8	37.8
58	36	Headland Gp	38	43	-2	..	..	..
93	55	Health Care	87	92	●	1.3	1.4	18.0
955	720	Heavitree	930	960	●	18.7	2.0	27.0
975	660	Do 'A' LV	930	980	●	0.2	..	21.0
133	86	Hewetson	118	123	..	4.3	3.8	15.3
153	30	Hey & Croft	75	80	-1	3.8	4.9	6.2
276	133	Highland Part	272	278	-2	2.7	1.0	..
53	19	Hobson	18	21	-1	1.0	5.0	7.4
250	171	Hodgson	192	197	+2	5.3	2.7	12.2
153	138	Holders Tech	150	155	..	8.0	5.2	..
168	113	Honeysuckle Gp	117	122	..	7.5	6.3	8.6
230	123	Hornby	185	190	..	5.3	2.8	13.0
138	102½	HPC Group	131	135	+5	2.7	2.0	14.9
111	39	Hughes Food	49	51	+2	2.0	4.0	9.8
152	64	Hughes (HT)	150	153	..	3.1	2.0	35.1
38	14	Humbrol Elec	18	19	+1	..	f	..
80	52	Hadleigh Tech	72	82	+5	..e	..	..
98	85	INSTEM	65	75	..	3.3	4.7	14.4
105	40	Image Storage	47	57	+2	..	..	..
24	5	Intec	4¼	5½	..	..	..	97.3
42½	25½	Ipeco	35½	36½	+½	..e	..	..
280	103½	Interurope Tech	100	130	-3	8.5	7.4	12.8
560	228	Intertek Express	265	290	..	9.2	3.4	12.2
32	13	Inks Media	18	20	+½	..	..	..
29	18	Israel (Jack L)	20	21	● +½	0.8	3.9	17.7
55	30	JMD Group	34	38	..	..	..	..
385	312	Jacques Vert	330	340	-3	11.3	3.4	12.0
54	13	Jaxess	46	49	+4	..e	..	..
180	80	Johnson Fry	152	157	..	3.3	2.1	18.8
225	98	Johnstones Paints	222	227	..	2.4	1.1	15.1
380	141	JSB Elec	375	385	+5	5.3	1.4	20.7
91	65	Just Rubber	80	90	+2	3.0	3.5	13.1
302	138	Kenyon Secs	170	185	● +5	9.0	5.1	18.3
227	105	Kewill Systems	218	228	-2	2.9	1.3	17.2
54	40	Klark-Teknik	48	53	..	1.7	3.3	13.1
141	53	Koebs & Knockers	120	125	..	2.8	2.3	16.9
53½	36	Kunick	50	51	●	1.9	3.8	14.3
87	45¾	LPA Ind	68	75	●	4.0	5.6	10.5
161	93	Ladlaw Thomson	120	130	+3	6.5	5.2	10.5
270	108	Lambert	112	122	..	11.3	9.7	4.3
208	114½	LBMS Plc	118	128	..	2.4	2.0	12.2
85	85	Lawmer	75	95	..	3.6	4.2	10.2
170	156	Lincat	165	170	..	4.9	2.9	16.3
8	5½	Lincoln Hse	6¾	7	..	..	..	..
245	105	Lodge Care	177	184	-1	3.7	2.0	25.9
110	95	Lon & Clydeside	97	107	●	7.6	7.5	10.0
182	153	Lon Forfaiting	179	183	..	8.8	4.9	10.7
43	12	Lysander Pet	14	16	..	..	..	36.8
103	68	MS Cash & Carry	95	100	+2	5.2	5.3	13.6
173	100	MMT Comp	170	175	+3	2.3	1.3	17.4
99	70	MTL Instruments	97	101	+2	2.7	2.7	15.1
328	190	McLaughlin & Har	320	330	..	11.3	3.5	15.5
85	63	Magnetic Materials	65	70	..	3.9	5.7	41.2
168	100	Mainmet	98	108	..	2.3	2.2	15.5
127	49	March Gp	45	55	..	2.1	4.2	5.4
530	235	Manna Dev	480	488	-1	4.0	0.8	..
34	18	Mannex	21	22½	..	..	..	..
40	16	Maxiprint	25	28	..	..	..	..
85	65	Mayborn	80	84	-6	4.8	5.9	10.1
25	15	Memory Comp	20	21½	..	..	..	..
40	8	Memcom Intl Hldgs	15	18	+1	..	..	..
353	175	Menvier-Swain	343	353	+1	5.9	1.7	22.1
86	58	Merchant Mast Est	57	62	-1	4.9	8.7	5.0
415	280	Merrydown Wine	375	390	..	8.0	2.1	19.2
163	125	Metal Bulletin	140	145	..	6.7	4.7	17.2
163	108	Metsec	137	142	..	4.6	3.3	13.6
136	118	Microlec	120	125	●	2.7n	2.2	14.1
50	28	Microvitec	41	43	..	2.3	5.5	12.7
220	110	Millward Brown	205	213	..	4.7	2.2	17.4
525	200	Miss World	515	525	..	10.7	2.1	22.0
373	235	Moys	365	372	+7	5.1	1.4	25.1
82	30	Molinari Visions	29	31	-1	..	..	83.8
143	83	Monks & Crane	105	115	..	4.4	4.0	14.3
108	85	Morris Ashby	105	110	● +2	4.9	4.5	13.8
80	21	Mosaic	44	47	..	..	..	24.9
130	85	Mustarlin	115	122	..	4.0	3.4	13.8
29	15	New England Props	25½	26½	..	..	..	24.5
105	90	Do 10%	100	110	..	10	9.5	..
208	100½	Norfolk House	205	210	● +12	4.5	2.2	11.8
87	31	Norben	38	43	+1	0.9	2.2	..
50	30	Nth Sea & Gen	42	45	..	0.7	1.6	17.5
116	71	Northampton Fine	78	83	● -2	2.7	3.3	11.9
90	45	OIS	74	78	..	..	..	..
38	15	Optometrics	19	22	..	..	..	..
345	20	Orchid Tech	118	138	+3	..	..	..
273	193	Osborne & Little	225	235	+15	7.1	3.1	12.5
155	116	PCT	150	160	..	5.7	3.7	18.4
74	27	PNR	26	29	-1	1.7e	6.1	7.7
145	72	Pacer Systems	70	77	..	..	..	..
318	213	Pacific Sales	280	290	+5	3.0	1.1	42.7
297	215	Parkway	245	255	● +2	4.0	1.6	15.5
28	14	Pashbocars	15½	17	●	0.4	2.4	14.9
14	2¾	Pavion	6½	7	-½	..	..	..
332	205	Pegasus	327	337	+7	10.0	3.0	14.1
350	258	Pepe Group	327	337	-1	6.7	2.0	14.8
48	23	Pericom	29	32	-1	..	..	..
101	87	Perkins Foods	93	98	+1	2.5	2.8	27.5
290	130	Personal Computer	217	227	+82	4.8	2.2	16.8
178	90	Peters (Michael)	105	110	-3	4.9	4.5	7.7
11	5½	Petrogen	5	6	-¼	..	..	..
308	55	Piccadilly Radio	287	295	..	4.3	1.5	39.5
118	98	Pict Pet	112	116	-1	..	..	..
128	56	Plasmec	118	122	+5	4.4	3.7	16.9
145	47	Platon	47	52	r	..	..	..
283	185	Plum Hldgs	185	192	+2	6.3	3.3	12.9
320	80	Polydectric Elec	215	225	+12	0.7	0.3	27.0
144	78	Prism Leisure	136	140	●	6.0	4.3	11.0
183	100	Psion	181	185	r +5	2.3	1.3	..
4	1¾	Property Trust	2⅞	3	..	..	..	..
84	56	Prospective	62	67	+1	1.3	2.0	8.1
158	125	Quarto	138	143	-2	5.5	3.9	13.3
126	97	RKF	115	118	-1	3.5	3.0	22.2
468	97	Radio City 'A'	463	473	+18	8.0	1.7	18.5
290	89	Radio Clyde	282	287	+17	7.7	2.6	17.9
158	68	Racus	127	132	..	3.0	2.3	18.3
28	22	Ranco Oil	24	27	..	..	..	..
180	130	Ramus	148	158	..	9.3	6.1	11.5
242	121	Randsworth	238	241	..	3.3	1.4	..
208	168	Ratoborna Bros	190	205	..	6.7	3.4	14.5
70	25	Real Time Control	48	55	..	2.7	5.2	14.2
72	15	Regent Health	55	57	+1	0.7	1.3	22.1
145	103	Reliance Sec	113	120	-2	6.3	5.4	10.9
50	28	Relaxo Motor	39	42	..	0.7	1.7	33.9
135	111	Riva	122	127	..	..	..	..
103	74½	Rockwood	90	95	+2	0.5	0.5	15.1
178	148	Rotte & Nolan	152	157	..	6.1	3.9	12.1
130	104	Roskel	122	126	..	5.4	4.4	12.8
103	88	Rural Planning	85	90	..	2.7	3.1	17.9
181	78	SAC	107	115	+2	5.3	4.8	12.9
48	25	SEP Incl	27	30	..	1.0b	3.4	9.6
98	80	SPS Consultancy	78	83	+1	3.0	3.7	17.2
195	135	Sancers Surey	183	193	+1	8.4	4.5	17.5
203	133	Sanderson Elect	198	203	..	4.0	2.0	14.8
207	160	Savage	182	192	+4	4.0	2.1	13.9
203	150	Scot Heritable	180	183	+2	7.3	4.0	15.4
217	143	Sec Archives	170	180	● +5	5.3	3.0	17.4
217	118	Select App	178	186	-1	3.6	2.0	19.7
21	10	SelecTV	18½	20	..	..	..	..
183	153	Senf Cowells	168	173	..	5.3	3.1	15.8
103	84	Severfield-Reeve	96	101	+1	2.0	2.0	..
205	125	Sharp & Law	120	130	-6	4.2	3.4	12.6
83	65	Sheldon Jones	68	78	..	6.2	8.5	11.9
78	48	Shelton (Martin)	52	57	● -1	2.7	4.9	11.4
146	143	Sherif Hldgs	145	150	..	7.0	4.7	11.9
263	98	Sherwood Comp	90	105	-5	6.0	6.1	4.4
445	328	Sherwood Group	375	385	..	6.1	1.6	14.8
162	105	Shirco	180	184	..	5.3	3.3	18.1
440	330	Sims Food	340	350	..	8.9	2.9	21.3
67	50	Soundtracks	55	60	●	2.9	5.0	10.9
420	304	Stan Bus	415	425	● +1	8.0	1.9	13.8
25	10	SW Resources	11	12	-½	..	..	13.9
430	338	Spancer	420	440	+20	4.0	0.9	22.8
84	61	Specialeyes	73	78	●	1.3	1.7	18.0
63	26	Spectrum	37	39	-1	..	..	29.5
180	68	Specs	78	83	-2	4.8	5.9	8.3
85	46	Splash	65	70	●	3.6	5.3	10.6
118	68	Stainless Metal	83	88	-2	6.0	7.0	..
59	24	Stanco Exhib	32	35	+1	0.4	1.2	18.7
321	155	Stanhope Props	240	243	+6	0.1	..	22.4
130	86	Sterling Pub	115	120	-3	4.4	3.7	15.8
90	52	Sentegon Elect	75	78	+2	2.0	2.6	11.0
300	123	Sunset & Vine	270	280	..	..	..	..
82	38	Sutherland	77	80	+2	2.2	2.8	31.2
323	247	Synapse Comp	273	283	-2	4.5	1.6	13.0
91	57	TDS Circuits	62	67	..	..	..	..
198	153	TMD Advert	195	200	● +1	4.0	2.0	14.5
175	135	TSB Chan Islands	172	177	● +2	7.4	4.2	8.8
180	129	TV-AM	177	182	+2	6.7	3.7	11.9
178	93	Telecomputing	85	100	-5	0.9	1.0	..
192	125	Thornton EW	160	170	● -3	5.7	3.5	12.5
49	25	Thorpac	38	43	r	1.6	3.9	..
112	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	88	98	..	6.1	6.8	8.9
92	77½	Titan	88	92	+1	3.5	3.9	10.6
72	68	Torex Hire	68	71	..	3.0	4.3	..
88	51	Total Systems	50	55	..	1.0e	1.9	9.9
78	58	Trascorp Hldgs	70	75	+1	1.3	1.8	16.4
40½	15	Tranwood	36	37½	..	4.0	10.8	11.8
358	221	Trencherwood	310	335	+5	5.4	1.7	13.9
100	56	Trevian Hldgs	94	97	..	4.0b	4.2	9.2
87	57	Triken	56	60	+1	..	..	..
34½	21	Tubular Exhib	26	27	..	0.4	1.6	15.0
135	105	Tudor	115	125	..	6.7	5.6	10.1
163	70	UCL Group	73	83	..	5.3	6.8	6.5
59	14	URS Intl	20	24	..	..	..	..
216	185	UTC Group	204	207	+6	12.0	5.8	13.1
568	488	Utd Friendly	555	580	..	35.5	6.3	..
160	113	Usher (Frank)	121	124	-1	8.0	6.5	7.4
125	85	Video Tape Rec	113	120	..	3.3	2.8	13.0
23	15	Visnac	21	25	..	..	..	..
110	61	WSP Hldgs	90	105	..	2.1	2.1	21.7
68	43	Wardall Roberts	55	70	..	8.7	2.6	11.3
30	21	Welpac	25	29	-1	..	..	..
58	36	eWentworth	43	48	+3	2.5	5.4	12.3
250	80	Whitney Mackay	110	120	..	5.7	5.0	14.1
89	36	William (Rex) Hldgs	39	42	..	0.7	1.7	36.9
157	75	Wood John D & Co	97	107	+2	5.3	5.2	8.1
170	98	Woottons Better	135	142	..	6.4	4.6	20.4
155	90	Wid of Leather	137	147	+9	4.3	3.0	19.7
235	145	Wyevale	225	235	+7	4.8	2.1	23.9
79	69	Wyko	78	80	+1	3.9	4.9	12.8
43	33	Yelverton	34	37	r +1	..	..	32.7
80	38	Yorks Tst Gp	58	63	..	3.4	5.8	8.6
245	156	Young Group	242	247	+7	4.3	1.8	11.0
78	1½	Zurich Group	39	42	..	2.7	6.6	..
122	68	Zygal Dynamics	105	110	..	2.7	2.5	14.9

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
114	63	ASB Barnett	75	82	..	..	..	..
41½	11	Amercolour	9	12	..	..	..	..
85	66	Andaman Res	63	68	..	..	..	..
90	60	Ass Farmers	75	80	-2	..	..	..
121	57	Beckenham	118	123	+5	3.3	2.7	14.1
230	152	Broadcast	190	198	-1	..	..	20.9
145	80	Chelsea Art	85	95	+5	1.0	1.1	10.7
65	28	Chemex Intl	30	35	..	..	..	..
105	52	Comtec	47	57	-8	..	..	5.9
180	120	Crown Eye	135	145	+½	..	..	16.1
16	5	Eglinton	8	9½	+2	..	..	..
143	35	Far E Res	55	60	..	..	..	..
90	78	Hicklam	78	83	..	..	..	13.5
41	20	Honorbill	23	25	+1	..	..	12.2
31	13	Intl Comms	15	18	..	..	..	..
56	30	Kamp (PE)	30	35	-3	2.0	6.1	8.2
99	58	LGW	94	99	+1	..	..	20.8
103	86	Leading Lsr	87	90	+1	1.7	1.9	18.2
85	12	Lynx Group	18	22	..	..	..	8.8
147	86	Medtrack	100	105	..	..	..	..
38	9	Norton Gp	9	10½	-½	..	..	..
50	35	Penmac Optical	33	38	..	..	..	9.5
68	56	Renaissance	64	68	● +2	2.7	4.2	..
237	150	Royal Sovereign	190	200	+5	6.4	3.3	12.1
118	68	Seacon	100	105	+2	1.3	1.3	..
350	200	Takare	330	350	-10	1.3	0.4	47.2
135	100	UPL	85	105	-5	3.2	3.2	13.3
182	120	Unit Group	140	150	..	6.7	4.6	8.2

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

974	711	Alliance	970	975	+5	37.7	3.9	34.9
136½	103	Amer Trust	131½	133	+1	4.7	3.5	29.1
253	172	Ang & O'seas	251	254	+5	5.1	2.0	57.2
87	80	Bankers	84	85	● +1½	2.6	3.1	40.8
83	80½	Br Assets	82	83½	+2½	3.6	4.3	27.6
47½	34	Br Empire Sec	47	48	+1	0.9	1.5	..
554	440	Br Inv	550	557	+5	28.3	4.7	29.8
137	96	Brunner	138	139	+1½	4.1	3.0	42.0
65	57	CDFC Tst	60	65	+2	0.9	1.4	36.2
93	81½	Do 8¾% Ln	85	88	..	650	7.5	..
883	615	Contl & Ind	885	890	..	66.7	7.6	18.7
186	147	Derby Inc	180	184	●	15.8	8.7	15.3
203	133	Do Cap	195	210	+5	..	..	..
536	403	Drayton Cons	533	538	+6½	17.6	3.3	42.6
380	191	Drayton Far East	357	362	+8	2.8	0.8	..
302	240	Dundee Lon	298	301	+1	11.7	3.9	33.3
187½	137	Edinburgh	186½	187½	+2	7.2b	3.9	45.4
94	88	Electric Gen	92	94	..	2.5	2.7	52.5
269	193	English Intl	267	270	+5	6.6b	2.5	57.0
133	93	English Scot	122	124	+2	2.4	2.0	60.8
81	65	Ensign	80	82	..	1.6	2.0	58.3
249	148	F & C Eurotrust	248	249	+3	2.7	1.1	..
165	90	F & C Pacific	162	165	+3	1.6	1.0	..
77	55	F & C Smaller	76	78	+1	1.6	2.1	60.2
15	10½	First Charlotte	13	13½	..	0.1	0.8	..
454	358	First Scot Amer	452	455	+4	20.0	4.4	31.8
134	93	Fleming American	133	135	+2	1.6	1.2	93.7
289	205	Fleming Claver	288	290	+2½	9.7	3.4	35.4
137	94	Fleming Enterprise	135	137	+1	3.2	2.4	72.3
229	134	Fleming Far East	227	230	+4	1.2	0.5	..
224	153	Fleming Fledgling	222	225	● +1	3.5	1.6	57.9
246	158	Fleming Japan	245	248	+4	0.9	0.4	33.7
204	156	Fleming Mercantile	203	204½	+2¼	5.6	2.7	49.2
180	139	Fleming Overseas	179	180½	● +2	4.3	2.4	68.2
187	138	Fleming Tech	176	178	● +1	2.0	1.1	..
164	120	Fleming Universal	163	165	+1	2.8	1.7	76.6
130	90	For Col	129	130	+1	2.9b	2.2	63.8
332	220	GT Japan	324	327	+1	2.0	0.6	..
108	50	General Cons Cap	104	108	+4	..	..	..
113	73	Do Inc	111	114	..	9.8b	8.5	..
169½	125	Globe (ex)	168½	170	+3	6.2	3.7	35.5
143	105½	Govett Atlantic	141	144	+3	4.2b	2.9	42.7
365	198	Govett Oriental	367	370	+5	1.9	0.5	..
253	206	Govett Strategy	251	253	+3	5.7	2.3	60.4
335	272	Greenfriar	315	320	+2	4.7	1.5	78.1
476	385	Gresham House	425	455	..	8.7	2.0	48.6
253	184½	Hambros	251	254	+5	7.3	2.9	44.5
410	356	Inv Cap	407	412	+11	21.3	5.2	27.2
138½	106	Kleinwort Charter	138	139	+2½	4.3	3.1	35.4
144	102	Kleinwort O'seas	142	144	+1	3.5	2.4	52.8
166	138	Kleinwort Smaller	165	167	+1	4.4	2.7	54.8
332	243	Law Debenture	330	333	+5	12.0	3.6	30.7
60½	44	Lon Amer Venture	59½	61	+2	0.6	1.0	..
126	85	Lon Merchant Sec	122	126	+1	4.0	3.2	20.8
181½	133	Merchants	181	182	+2	7.8	4.3	33.9
17⅞	11⅞	Merrill Lynch	17⅛	-	● +⅛	..	..	..
250	184	Monks Inv Tst	248	252	+7	4.4	1.8	78.5
208½	162	Murray Income	205	207	● +2½	10.8	5.2	28.9
214½	149½	Murray Intl	214	215	+2½	7.3	3.4	41.0
196	120	Murray Small	195	197	+3	2.8	1.4	88.7
318	228	Murray Venture	317	330	+2	8.0	2.5	50.1
103	90	Nwtcmg Inc 83	100	103	..	7.7	7.5	17.2
164	121	New Tokyo	160	162	+2	..	e	..
28	18	Nth Sea Assets	21	23	-1	..	..	..
422	308	Nthn Amer	420	423	+9½	8.3	2.0	61.2
209	140	O'seas Inv Tst	208	210	+2	2.5	1.2	..
169	97	Pacific Assets	168	169	+3	1.1	0.7	..
145	95	Parsida Gp	95	100	●	3.0	3.1	21.9
50	40	Personal Assets	48	50	+1	1.3	2.7	43.4
100½	75½	RIT Cap Prtnrs	99	101	+½	1.2	1.2	..
544	415	Raeburn	527	537	●	25.3	4.8	30.2
78	17	River & Merc	76	80	+4	..	..	..
288	237	Robeco	288	.	+2	..	..	..
276	215	Rolinco	278	.	+2	..	..	..
433	265	Romney	420	423	●	6.7	1.6	..
16⅞	15⅞	Rorento	16⅝	-	..	..	..	..
208	156	St Andrew Inv Tst	205	207	+1	6.7	3.3	38.7
272	171	Scaracor Global	267	270	● +1	6.1	2.3	51.6
147	110	Scottish	146	147½	● +2	4.3	2.9	48.4
103	79	Scot American	102½	103½	+1	3.4b	3.3	49.3
154	113	Scot Eastern	153	154	+2	3.3	2.1	62.1
118	74	Scot Merc 'A'	87	90	..	6.1	6.9	19.8
122½	90	Scot Mtge	120	121	+1½	3.2b	2.7	48.4
859	655	Second Alliance	857	860	+8	30.7	3.6	38.7
121	96	Secs Tst of Scotland	118	119½	+1	5.9b	5.0	31.9
89	89	Selective Asset	86	87	+½	7.3	8.4	..
127	91	Smaller Cos	125	128	+3	3.0	2.4	85.8
63	50	Sphere Inv	59	62	..	2.8	4.6	..
230	152	Steel Burrill	230	230	+1	13.3	5.9	74.1
129	81	TR Australia	123	127	+3	4.7o	3.8	40.6
89½	67	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	88	90	● +2½	3.9	4.4	33.8
66	32	TR Pacific	65	65½	+2½	..	..	..
57	40½	TR Property	56½	57½	+1	1.2	2.1	54.8
69	47	TR Tech Inv	58	60	+2	1.9	3.2	..
144	106	TR Trustees	143½	144½	+1½	3.3	2.3	79.1
258	194	Temple Bar	254	257	+9	11.2b	4.4	35.5
468	367	Throgmorton	465	470	+13	17.7	3.8	32.7
370	285	Throg Dual	380	380	+10	..	..	..
197	151	Tribune	194	197	..	4.9	2.5	52.7
93	80	Triplevest Inc	85	88	..	20.9	24.0	6.0
137	104	USDC Investment	135	138	+3	3.1	2.3	80.6
59	46	Value Inc Tst	58	60	+½	2.1	3.6	32.4
59	46	Viking Resources	58	60	..	2.7	4.8	25.8
138	83	Westpool	135	140	●	2.4	1.7	46.8
136	103	Witan	135	136½	+2	3.7	2.7	48.1

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 97.5 (day's range 97.5-97.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for February 8

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7409-1.7445	1.7435-1.7445	0.48-0.47pr	1.39-1.37pr
Montrl	2.0585-2.0690	2.0652-2.0690	0.72-0.26pr	0.55-0.48pr
Amstrdm	3.6780-3.6879	3.6840-3.6879	1½-1⅜pr	5½-5¼pr
Brussels	68.16-68.52	68.31-68.52	32-26pr	87-78pr
Copnhgn	12.6729-12.7000	12.6874-12.7000	5-4⅜pr	14⅜-13⅜pr
Dublin	1.2195-1.2269	1.2210-1.2225	56-49pr	154-141pr
Frankft	3.2594-3.2680	3.2654-3.2690	1⅝-1⅜pr	5⅜-5pr
Lisbon	258.34-267.78	258.76-267.78	49-12pr	94-21pr
Madrid	202.46-203.32	202.86-203.15	12-1pr	18-1pr
Milan	2374.97-2382.11	2379.01-2382.11	3-1pr	6-4pr
Oslo	11.7742-11.8033	11.7878-11.8033	1⅛-1⅞pr	5¼-4⅞pr
Paris	11.0941-11.1247	11.1131-11.1247	3⅛-3⅜pr	10⅜-9⅞pr
Stckhlm	11.0637-11.0863	11.0765-11.0863	2⅜-1⅞pr	6¼-5⅜pr
Tokyo	225.26-226.17	225.87-226.17	1⅛-1⅞pr	4½-4⅛pr
Vienna	22.90-22.96	22.95-22.98	11⅞-11⅛pr	36⅜-33⅜pr
Zurich	2.7715-2.7757	2.7722-2.7756	1⅛-1⅞pr	4⅜-4⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	39.89-40.08
Australia dollar	1.9524-1.9558
Bahrain dinar	0.6555-0.6595
Brazil cruzado*	1.7334-1.7427
Cyprus pound	0.83-0.84
Finland marka	7.4975-7.5375
Greece drachma	270.00-272.00
Hong Kong dollar	13.584-13.596
India rupee	26.42-26.62
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5010-0.5050
Malaysia ringgit	4.7513-4.7558
Mexico peso	4000-4100
New Zealand dollar	2.8256-2.8365
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.5075-6.5475
Singapore dollar	3.3533-3.3571
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8313-6.9720
S Africa rand (com)	4.2504-4.2582
U A E dirham	6.37-6.41

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4260-1.4275	Denmark	7.2765-7.2815	Italy	1363.7-1364.7
Singapore	1.9250-1.9260	W Germany	1.8715-1.8725	Belgium (Com)	39.20-39.25
Malaysia	2.7275-2.7285	Switzerland	1.5913-1.5920	Hong Kong	7.7985-7.8000
Australia	1.1206-1.1220	Netherlands	2.1135-2.1145	Portugal	153.10-153.50
Canada	1.1845-1.1855	France	6.3700-6.3750	Spain	116.25-116.35
Sweden	6.3500-6.3550	Japan	129.50-129.60	Austria	13.15-13.16
Norway	6.7625-6.7675				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 13 Finance Hse 13½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14 Low 12½ Week fixed: 12½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 12½ 3 mth – 12⅜
Selling: 2 mth – 12⁹⁄₁₆ 3 mth – 12⁹⁄₁₆
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅝-12²³⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 12²¹⁄₃₂-12⅝ 3 mth: 12½-12¹⁵⁄₃₂ 6 mth 11¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13⅜ 2 mth: 13⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 13⅜ 6 mth 12⁹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13½ close 13
1 week: 13¾-13 1 mth: 13¼-13 3 mth: 13-12¹⁵⁄₁₆
6 mth: 12¾-¹¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 12⁹⁄₁₆-12½ 12 mth: 12⅝-12⅝
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 12½ 7 day: 12½ 1 mth: 13
3 mth: 12¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 12⁷⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-12¹⁵⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 6 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-½ 12 mth 12⅜-12³⁄₁₆
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 9.25-9.20 3 mth: 9.40-9.35 6 mth: 9.52-9.47 12 mth 9.75-9.70
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13¹⁄₁₆-¹⁵⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 13-12⅞ 3 mth: 12²⁹⁄₃₂-12⅞
6 mth: 12¹¹⁄₁₆-12⅝ 9 mth: 12½-12⅜ 12 mth: 12⁷⁄₁₆-⅜

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1989. Agreed rates Feb 26, 1989 to Mar 25, 1989. Scheme I: 13.93 per cent. Schemes II & III: 14.41 per cent. Reference rate Dec 31, 1988 to Jan 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.171 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	9⅜-8⅞	9⁵⁄₁₆-9³⁄₁₆	9⅜-9¼	9⅝-9½
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6⅛-6	6⁵⁄₁₆-6³⁄₁₆	6½-6⅜
Call: 5¼-4¼				
French Franc:	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	8¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	9⅛-9	9³⁄₁₆-9¹⁄₁₆
Call: 8¼-7¾				
Swiss Franc:	5⅞-5⅝	5¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	5¹⁵⁄₁₆-¹³⁄₁₆	6-5⅞
Call: 5½-4½				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4¼-4⅛	4¹¹⁄₁₆-4⁹⁄₁₆
Call: 3¼-2¾				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $390.75-391.25 Close: $390.25-390.75
High: $390.75-391.25 Low: $390.00-390.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $402.00-407.00 (£230.50-233.50)
Krugerrand: $389.00-392.00 (£223.00-225.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $402.00-407.00 (£230.50-233.50)
American Eagles: $402.00-407.00 (£230.50-233.50)
New Sovereigns: $91.75-92.75 (£52.50-53.25)
Old Sovereigns: $91.75-92.75 (£52.50-53.25)
Platinum: $530.25 (£304.40)
Palladium: $140.75 (£80.80)
Silver: $5.87-5.89 (£3.370-3.385)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 15987		
Mar 89	213.70	214.20	211.30	213.20	4623
Jun 89	216.50	218.00	216.50	217.40	247
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 69538		
Mar 89	87.28	87.31	87.25	87.25	10260
Jun 89	87.97	88.03	87.94	87.94	3276
Sep 89	88.61	88.61	88.57	88.55	401
Dec 89	88.92	88.95	88.92	88.91	190
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 52497		
Mar 89	90.35	90.40	90.35	90.37	5137
Jun 89	90.29	90.32	90.29	90.30	1999
Sep 89	90.36	90.39	90.35	90.38	543
Dec 89	90.30	90.36	90.30	90.34	18
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 12972		
Mar 89	91-13	91-19	91-08	91-18	4613
Jun 89	91-15	91-18	91-14	91-16	4
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 33875		
Mar 89	98-11	98-26	98-11	98-21	24440
Jun 89	98-15	99-28	99-15	99-23	236
Sep 89	NT	—	—	—	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 698		
Mar 89	106.70	106.70	106.65	106.65	35
Jun 89	105.50	105.53	105.45	105.45	318
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 20183		
Mar 89	94.44	94.54	94.39	94.50	10917
Jun 89	93.90	93.93	93.82	93.90	418

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

The market was somewhat confused by the API stats and thus traded in a narrow range. The Feb - Mar Brent spread widened dramatically, symptomatic of a paper squeeze. Product prices stabilized with more buying support.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.80	+10
15 day Feb	17.10	+45
15 day Mar	16.15	+15
WTI Mar	17.60	+10
WTI Apr	17.10	+05

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+1	180-182	
Gasoil EEC		143-144	
Non 1H Mar	+1	139-140	+1
Non 1H Apr	+1	137-138	+1
3.5 Fuel Oil		69-71	+1
Naphtha	+1	161-162	+1

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Feb 89	Hi 1515-1488 Low	Close 1515
Mar 89	Hi 1570-1532 Low	Close 1570
Apr 89	Hi 1597-1562 Low	Close 1597
Jul 89	Hi 1426-1365 Low	Close 1426

Vol 568 lots Open interest 6299
Dry cargo index 1533 -9 on 7/2/89

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Feb	LT-140.50
Mar	139.75-39.54
Apr	137.75-37.50
May	135.25-35.00
Jun	134.00-33.50
Jul	134.25-34.00
Aug	139.00-34.00
Vol	7450

BRENT G W Joynson

Mar	16.19-16.17
Apr	15.73-15.70
Vol	3796

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	42.5	44.0
Apr	71.5	70.5
May	85.5	85.2
Nov	89.0	88.0

Vol 179

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Mar 851-848	Dec 851-860
May 864-862	Mar 855-845
Jul 860-859	May 858-857
Sep 852-850	Vol 10528

COFFEE G W Joynson

Mar 1188-1187	Nov 1130-1125
May 1162-1160	Jan 1128-1125
Jul 1148-1147	Mar 1140-1120
Sep 1135-1133	Vol 2912

SUGAR C Czarnikow

FOB Vol: 3152

Mar 229.4-29.0	Oct 232.0-31.0
May 235.2-35.0	Dec 230.0-24.0
Aug 235.0-34.2	Mar 228.0-27.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 122
Mr 111.75 My 115.60 Jn 117.30
Sp 103.05 Nv 105.50 Ja 109.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 180
Mr 109.45 My 111.45 Sp 100.10
Nv 103.30 Ja 106.30 Mr 109.30

SOYABEAN

Apr 158.5-57.5	Oct 148.5-46.0
Jun 151.5-50.0	Dec 147.0-40.0
Aug 148.0-46.0	Feb 149.0-42.0

Vol 121

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1781.0-1783.0	1703.0-1704.0	485250	Firmer
Lead	363.00-363.50	368.50-367.00	35125	Steadier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1805.0-1810.0	1747.0-1750.0	76500	Firmer
Silver Large†	582.00-583.00	595.00-597.00	22	Quiet
Silver Small†	582.00-583.00	595.00-597.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium HP	2250.0-2260.0	2215.0-2220.0	249950	Firmer
Nickel*	18300-18500	18150-18250	17994	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	100.7	100.4
Apr	104.1	104.2
Jun	106.0	106.1
Aug	106.5	106.5

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	111.3	111.0
Apr	112.6	114.0
Jun	114.0	115.3

Vol Pig-12 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on February 8

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	79.39	132.25	107.43
GB (+/-)	-1.79	*-9.20	-1.90
Eng/Wal (%)	+3.4	+13.5	+6.8
Eng/Wal (p)	79.39	132.94	108.06
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-1.79	-9.77	-1.83
Scotland (%)	n/a	-5.0	+17.0
Scotland (p)	n/a	126.87	-7.45
Scotland (+/-)	n/a	104.68	-2.04

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Further strong gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began January 30. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day February 13. Settlement day February 20. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES: PAGE 28).

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
2	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
3	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
4	TSB (aa)	Banks,Discount	
5	Whitecroft	Industrials S-Z	
6	Euromarket Units	Industrials E-K	
7	Warburg SO	Banks,Discount	
8	Ferguson Ind	Paper,Print,Adv	
9	Etam	Drapery,Stores	
10	Gold Greenless	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	T & N (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
12	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
13	Provident	Banks,Discount	
14	Lon & Bldn Tst	Property	
15	Watson & Philip	Foods	
16	Glaxon (M/D)	Building,Roads	
17	Lon & Metro	Property	
18	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
19	Rumer Saphir	Foods	
20	Holmes Protection	Industrials E-K	
21	Macklow (A&J)	Property	
22	Br Land (aa)	Property	
23	Amersham	Chemicals,Plas	
24	Jerome (S)	Textiles	
25	Birmingham Mdm	Industrials A-D	
26	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
27	Meggitt	Industrials L-R	
28	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
29	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
30	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
31	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
32	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
33	West & Country	Property	
34	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
35	Mecca Leisure	Leisure	
36	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
37	Foster (John)	Textiles	
38	Haden MacLellan	Industrials E-K	
39	Pilgrim (aa)	Industrials E-K	
40	Baird (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
41	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
42	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
43	Priest Marians	Property	
44	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	

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CONFERENCES & EXHIBITIONS

FOCUS

Punching home the message

As Britain gears itself up for 1992, the big money is going into refurbishing centres and raising standards. Irene Farnsworth looks at five aspects of the market

Organizers of conferences and exhibitions are having to raise their standards to meet higher expectations of both venues and events, while substantial investment has been made during the past 10 years in new buildings and refurbishment of existing centres.

In Birmingham, the custom-built £121 million International Convention Centre, now being built and scheduled to open in April 1991, is said to be a catalyst for spending. Investment in the city and its surrounds by the public and private sector is estimated to be £2 billion. This includes a £41 million expansion programme for the halls at the National Exhibition Centre, adding 20,000 square metres of exhibition space.

Edinburgh's new conference centre, on which work is scheduled to start in October, will cost about £25 million. It is part of a £180 million-£200 million redevelopment scheme on a seven-acre site, to include a financial centre with office accommodation. In London, Earls Court Olympia has ploughed £35 million into refurbishing both halls, and Earls Court 2 is being built at a cost of £65 million. Blackpool's Winter Gardens complex has undergone a £4 million restoration, officially unveiled last month.

Universities, buoyed by their success in the conference market, are upgrading rooms and building new student accommodation blocks, putting in *en suite* facilities with conference business in mind. Country house hotels hosting conferences – a growth market – have been modernized and expensively furnished. Stately homes are gearing themselves to conferences, some with overnight accommodation.

"Those wanting conference business realize they have got to produce what an increasingly fussy clientele want in order to sell it," says Amy Bishop, business travel manager of the English Tourist Board (ETB). Despite the continuing growth of new venues, she says there did not appear to be any fear yet of reaching saturation point.

Chris Edwards, business manager of the purpose-built Queen Elizabeth II conference centre, Westminster, opened in 1986, reports a trend towards more businesslike events demanding harder work and more participation.

Meetings are shorter, with shorter breaks. Conferences, he says, are becoming more sophisticated. The lecturer, with his overhead projector, is becoming obsolete and even modest internal company meetings are using professional production companies, with hi-tech audio-visual and video presentations and elaborate stage sets to sustain interest and punch home the message.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Making a professional stand for the future: David Fasken (above), and Amy Bishop (right) with Maddy Keup

Paul Swan, managing director of Spectrum Communications, a leading conference production house, says the increasing importance attached by British industry to quality, and particularly to quality of service as a marketing weapon, is having a significant influence on the conference industry.

Traditionally, many UK companies have held their conferences overseas, not only because of competitive rates but also because of the more exciting and pleasant environment. Now, says David Hackett, chairman of the Travel Organization, the UK market leader in conference and incentive group travel, a number of factors are influencing companies to hold at least some of their events within Britain.

Two years ago the Travel Organization's associated company, Creative Event Management, was asked to devise off-beat activities to give more impact to meetings and leisure pursuits.

Picking a speciality was already big business in the United States and an increasing number of British clients were requesting banquets with themes and entertainment.

In the exhibition world the showman organizer is being replaced by more professional operators. "Everybody is being more businesslike. Expectations now are more for an exhibition to be a cost-effective method of marketing goods and services," says David Fasken, managing director of Earls Court and Olympia Ltd, part of the Trafalgar House group, who today becomes chairman of the Exhibition Industries Federation, formed last year.

The enormous uplift in exhibition and conference facilities in Britain has been justified, he says, by growth of business. Although constraints on space, in London particularly, is dictating the size of new venues, there are only six shows meriting the size of Continental-style exhibition centres, Fasken says.

Reg Best, assistant director of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers (ISBA) gives the National Exhibition Centre the credit for setting a new standard in the UK. "It was the salvation of the exhibition industry which was in decline in the 1970s," he says.

But rising costs and an ever-widening exhibition calendar, producing too many events of a similar nature, are forcing companies to look more closely at the return they are getting on exhibitions, he says. In an otherwise buoyant industry there is concern about dwindling attendance at some exhibitions, especially as stand rents and stand erection charges are rising rapidly.

"The problem is that there are too many exhibitions that are too much alike," Best says. "And when companies compare what they paid last time in exhibition charges with what they are now being asked, the cost is double the rate of inflation."

Faced with the choice of spreading themselves thinly, exhibitors are opting for specialized shows and some big companies are staging events devoted exclusively to their products. Sue Maddix, marketing director of Blenheim Online, which specializes in organizing conferences and exhibitions in the hi-tech sector, says that more thought needs to be given to the form which exhibitions should take, now that marketing departments were reviewing their exhibition policy.

Referring to the proliferation of exhibitions connected with computers, she says: "The days of unbridled enthusiasm for everything and anything computerized are gone. Users are still keen to see the market but are turning increasingly to specialist, targeted exhibitions. The path the visitor, the ultimate decision-maker, is dictating is one of specialization and relevance."

Stronger links are being forged between the conference and exhibition industries, with a trend towards exhibition-led conferences. This applies to both corporate and association meetings. It is often a way of earning the revenue to pay for the conferences.

Both industries are expecting greater activity on both sides of the Channel with the opening of the tunnel and the prospect of the single European market. "The spirit of 1992 is in the air," says Maddy Keup, business travel executive at the British Tourist Authority.

OUTLOOK

Growing show of strength

A record £329 million was spent by British companies on trade, technical and consumer exhibitions at the last count, showing growth for the industry in both expenditure and the number of events.

In analysing the exhibition industry's 1987 performance, the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers (ISBA) took into account 21 halls featuring in its annual survey for the first time. The survey, which measures and estimates only expenditure by British companies, attributed much of the industry's increased activity to the growth of exhibitions in regional facilities. Of the 510 exhibitions held – 38 more than in 1986 – 373 took place in the regions.

IBA findings and other research done for the Exhibition Industries Federation, representing organizers, venue owners and contractors, have been incorporated in reports which will be on sale at the EIF stand at International Confex 89 at Olympia, opening today.

A special 1992 project covered in the research document explores the potential of the single European market. The consensus is that business on both sides will boom.

The exhibition services sector, probably the fastest-growing sector of the exhibition industry, will be much in evidence at International Confex. Audio-visual equipment, stand designers, modular display, furniture and laser displays will be featured.

The Greater Manchester Conference Office, funded by Manchester City Council and eight district councils, has a stand to promote the developments in the 500 square miles it represents. Last year conferences and exhibitions in Greater Manchester brought in at least £4 million in revenue. Now there are plans to refurbish the Free Trade Hall as a conference centre and create a new home for the Hallé Orchestra.

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Subtle lure of the off-beat

Organizers need imagination to keep conference delegates amused

Pulling something out of the hat is the challenge for conference organizers. If you are to take people away from home, especially at the weekend, the venue and the entertainment have to be superb.

Coping with conference delegates after the agenda sessions have ended calls for ingenuity. It is easier, perhaps, to find some exotic foreign location to take them to, but trying to attract them less than 100 miles from their homes – research shows that people prefer conferences within hailing distance of their base – calls for something off-beat.

The answer can be themed events, an embellishment of the usual gala dinner at the close of a conference. A tried and tested recipe by Creative Event Management, formed by the Travel Organization to bring more zest to conferences close to home, is to lay on a "horror" evening. Guests are provided with fancy dress, special cocktails, macabre lighting, horror movie music and special menus. It is said to bring the house down.

For daytime leisure, to break down inhibitions and inculcate team spirit, competitions are in demand. At one get-together of a company with several subsidiaries in Europe, a raft-building competition was organized. Materials were made by the participants and it gave them the chance of showing off how versatile they were.

A four-day conference in Aviemore culminated in a treasure hunt in cars. The "treasure" was a distillery, where drinks were followed by dinner.

Conference hotels lay on riding, clay pigeon shooting and even hot air ballooning – the latter an option at Luckow Park, Colerne, near Bath. Swimming pools, gymnasiums and jogging tracks have become features at many conference hotels.

For those who like everything laid on, the staff at Belvoir Castle in Lincolnshire will charter a private plane or helicopter to Goodwood in Sussex for a day at the races. Stately homes such as Hagley Hall in Worcestershire have devised dinner games and plays in the library and also organize musical evenings.

At Gleneagles in Scotland the Fitness Weekend, with Sebastian Coe; a Fine Claret and Port Weekend with Jancis Robinson, or an Equestrian Weekend with Captain Mark Phillips, have been created for the special interest market.

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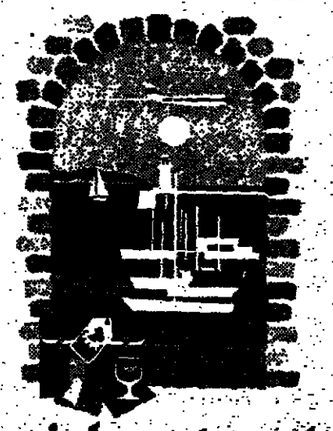

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CONFERENCES & EXHIBITIONS

Build or rebuild?

The reputation of UK facilities is growing. But their owners realize improvements may be needed

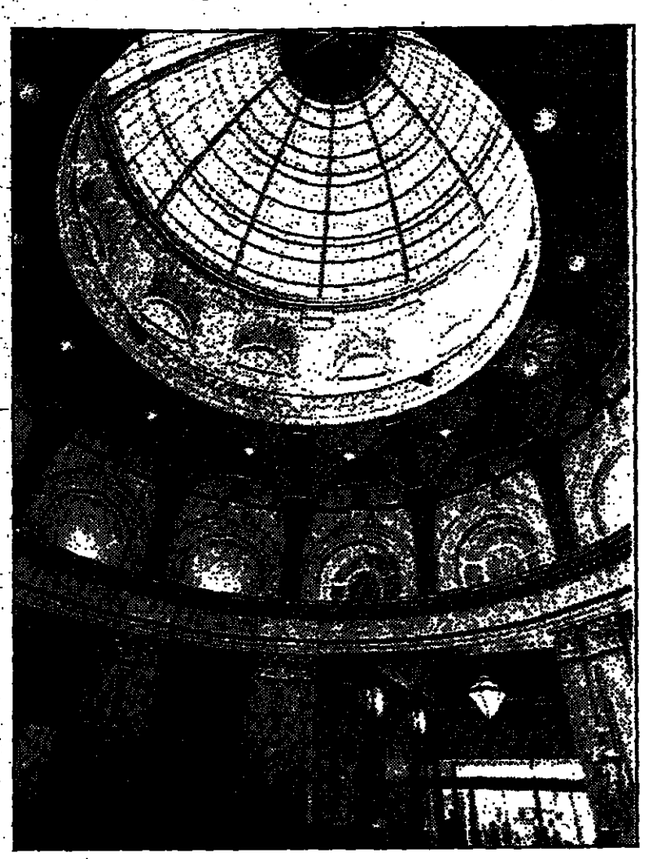
Owners of conference centres in the UK face a dilemma: whether to make the best of their facilities or to build entirely new ones? The British Association of Conference Towns (BACT) is mulling over the question so it can give guidance to its members, which include local authorities and private business. The answer may be for neighbouring towns to pool resources to provide one high-grade conference centre.

No one has any illusions that they can win a bigger slice of the growing business without installing first-class facilities.

Scarborough, one of the 91 members of BACT, is looking at how to reshape its facilities and marketing. Birmingham, boosted by the £2 million a year profit success of the National Exhibition Centre, is building a meticulously researched conference centre. Rising from the ashes of a burned-down 19th-century exhibition hall in the heart of the city is the £121 million International Conference Centre (ICC).

Construction work on the 11-hall centre catering for 30-3,000 delegates due to open in 1991 is more than half complete. The centre is funded by Birmingham council and a grant of £37 million from the EEC.

The ambitious aim is for the ICC to be the world's most advanced. As well as catering for every need of delegates, including the disabled, it will have a shopping mall open to the public. The concert hall, to be the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's new home, will give elegant surroundings for a conference plenary session of up to 2,000 delegates. The ICC will, it is thought, generate new business rather than take trade from competitors.



Blackpool illumination: the restored crystal dome in the Winter Gardens

Edinburgh, already a popular conference venue — 450 conferences were held in the city last year — has had a site earmarked for the development of a custom-built conference centre for nearly 10 years. Now it can finance a £180 million to £200 million package, which includes such a centre.

Edinburgh council, which owns the land, an old railway goods yard, has joined with the Scottish Development Agency and the private sector to raise the cash for the project.

The £25 million conference centre will have a shopping arcade and other attractions for the public at large in Edinburgh, with a view to keeping the centre throbbing after dark.

Blackpool council has met half of the bill for the £4 million facelift of the Winter Gardens. Before work began on the Victorian complex, its owners, First Leisure, made an extensive survey of conference centres. Soundings were taken to pinpoint the needs of the market.

The restoration has turned out to be as much of an eye-opener for them as for anyone else. Hidden behind paint and panelling were treasures beyond their wildest dreams.

Tiles in the ballroom which had been painted over have been painstakingly restored, the removal of a suspended ceiling in the foyer revealed a superb crystal dome and paintings by an artist of repute dated in the 1870s were found behind panelling in shop units. Anthony Goldstone, chairman of the North West Tourist Board, says Blackpool now has a venue "to vie with anything in Europe, if not the world".

As in the US in the late 1970s, when convention centres sprang up everywhere, most areas of the UK now recognize that conference business can bring in valuable revenue.

The domestic market has been even more buoyant, reports the ETB. The annual British Tourism Survey 1987 estimates that 20 million trips were made to conferences and meetings in Britain.

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New money for old homes

Stately homes, universities and even livery halls are taking their place on the conference circuit

Owners of stately homes and country houses realize that conference organizers are constantly on the look-out for unusual venues and are going all-out to attract up-market business.

They are competing for people who are used to staying at luxury hotels, and so have to match in every way the standards set by five-star establishments. The plus they are able to offer is a touch of high society — it is possible to get a lord and lady to host a dinner in the elegant dining room of their home.

The use of country houses and stately homes has gained ground considerably, says Jan Curd, the managing director of Heritage Placements, a brokerage for about 120 stately homes and country houses.

She had the brainwave for the latest marketing tool to attract bigger events. The 500-seat geodesic dome, bought by a consortium of stately home and country house owners on the Heritage Placement register, is also available for hire.

Rent is £16,000 a week and the consortium is optimistic that it will soon recoup its outlay because the dome has already been in demand by outside organizations. Curd has another idea for overcoming the shortage of overnight accommodation at some of the properties on the register. Disused stables, coach houses and other outbuildings could be converted to provide bedrooms.

Some stately homes — for example, Knebworth House, in Hertfordshire — have overcome the overnight-stay problem by linking with a hotel.

Universities have also had success in the conference market by appealing to those looking for something different. The drawback has been that delegates have had to sleep in basic student accommodation — but this is changing. With more competition and greater expectations, reflecting the higher standard of living, more universities are starting to upgrade their rooms.

Cash cuts to the universities have given them a new impetus to use the thousands of beds going spare for five months of the year when the students are away. And more universities are developing all-year-round accommodation.

"Universities are well placed for organizations wanting to vary annual conference from one part of the country to another," says Carole Formon of the British Universities Accommodation Consortium (BUAC), a marketing association for 55 universities and university colleges. "A lot of organizations use universities for training purposes, and we see this as a growth area."

The University of Salford is an example of the aggressive attitude being taken by universities forced by cuts to find alternative income. It is spending almost £2 million on developments which include a new accommodation block with *en suite* facilities in a bid to go up-market.

Conference business at the University of Warwick has been so successful that it has recently built its second year-round *en suite* block. Charges are £17 a night bed and breakfast, and £50 a night full board.

Universities in the conference market have fought off their image of institutionalized food, and well-trained chefs love rising to the occasion. The universities are also able to offer full campus sports and library facilities.

The latest incursion into the conference market are the City livery halls, which are catering for day-time conferences.

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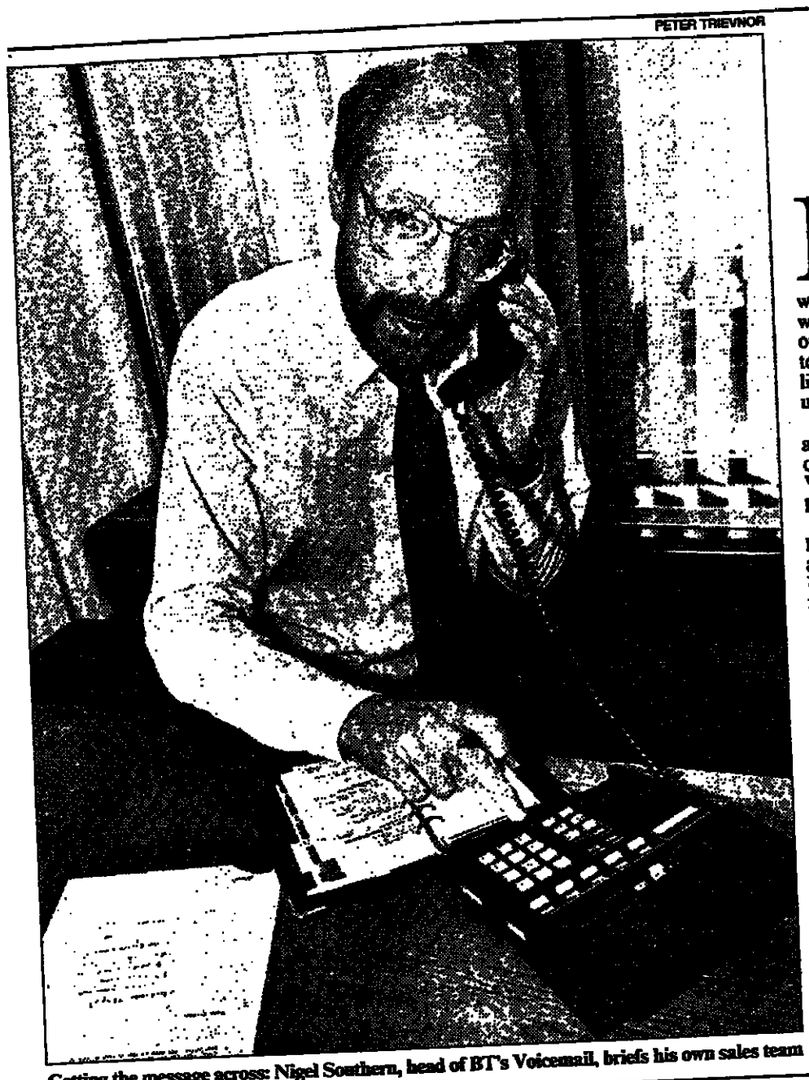

Getting the message across: Nigel Southern, head of BT's Voicemail, briefs his own sales team

His master's voice

Listen very carefully. . . or why a clever new telephone system means that the boss now need say things only once. Ken Young reports

Paul Livesey is director of information systems for the House of Fraser. Recently he changed his working habits and began to work on Sundays. He makes one telephone call and listens to weekly reports from his six line managers. After 15 minutes his work is finished.

Livesey and others like him are part of a growing number of enthusiastic users of Voicemail — a kind of corporate answerphone system.

Voicemail, sometimes known as voice messaging, is already widely used in the United States. According to market researchers BIS Mackintosh, there are more than 1.5 million users. It predicts that this will rise to 2.3 million by 1990 and more than 11 million by 1993.

BIS believes the British market, at around 24,000 users, is set to increase by 50 per cent this year, rising to 144,000 by 1993.

Voicemail is like electronic mail except all that is needed is a telephone instead of a computer terminal, and messages are listened to rather than read off a screen.

Every user gets an individual "voicebox" which holds messages for reception when the user calls the system with a special ID number. Messages can be "broadcast" to a number of users and can be sent on from one voicebox to another.

Messages can be sent or received at any time of day or night from anywhere in the world, although system users must have a tone keypad or be using a telephone that has tone dialling.

Service providers claim the benefits of Voicemail include the elimination of wasted time and money when trying unsuccessfully to contact someone, and the removal of needless small talk when contacting associates.

House of Fraser began using Voicemail two years ago. "We have a complex retail network and rely on daily reports," said Livesey, who first used Voicemail in the USA five years ago.

"At 6.50am, the network shift leader broadcasts a report to 20 people just by making one call. I can pick that up from my mailbox coming in to work using my cellphone." Such reports are to ensure that all key people are constantly informed.

Voicemail systems can be run either in-house, or via a public service which is cheaper to use in the short term because no hardware or software need be purchased. In Britain, both British Telecom and Mercury Communications run such services. They believe that Voicemail is set to grow rapidly and are creating worldwide networks spanning Europe, North America and Japan.

'We have a European and UK link — Japan will probably be next'

British Telecom runs two separate services: a UK-only service called Voicebank, and an international network through a link with US-based Voicecom International.

Nigel Southern, BT's head of Voicemail, says customers will soon start to demand more. "We are looking at adding extra facilities in the way that electronic mail services do. We have a European and UK link — Japan will probably be next."

Southern says there are 20,000 users on each of its two services. BT's Voicebank service allows people automatically to be paged whenever a message arrives for them, an option taken up by 70 per cent of its users.

Mercury Communications has recently announced its international Voicemail service with direct links to Japan and the US. Unlike British Telecom it does not run two separate services.

But so far these services are still expensive. For a company wanting 100 mailboxes, the Mercury charge is £2,000 for registration, £1,000 for monthly rental and 15p per minute connected. The same company would pay £1,000 registration, and £1,133 monthly rental for BT's Voicebank. There is no connect charge on Voicebank. For BT Voicecomm International, the fees for a two-year contract are £1,300 registration and £1,800 monthly rental.

Mercury Voicemail user Dr John Martindale, head of marketing at Scottish Agricultural Industries, says he selected the cheapest service: "We looked at both services and decided Mercury was cheaper; we also decided BT's limit of one minute per message was too limited."

Scottish Agricultural Industries is one of the UK's largest users of Voicemail. It has 160 users, each with their own voice boxes. For the company's salesmen it has meant a whole new way of working; not only are they in regular contact throughout the day but they also get broadcast messages on sensitive price fluctuations on agricultural stock. "It's a feature which puts us a step ahead of the competition," Dr Martindale says.

But not everyone takes to the idea of talking to an anonymous computer system. BT and Mercury agree that certain factors must be attended to if an installation is to succeed. For example, it must be accepted by top management and they must learn how to use it, and there must be a need for people to communicate. Mobile groups like sales people are key targets.

If the Voicemail pundits are right, most business cards will have to find space for an additional row of digits in the years to come. Under the space taken by numbers for direct line, fax, carphone and pager link, that is.

Looking ahead to 1992 and all that

Finland's electronic giant is fighting for a piece of the action when the EEC becomes a single market

Like other Scandinavian companies, Finland's biggest industrial company, Nokia, has a wary eye on 1992 and the huge single market that will be created within the borders of the European Community.

The fear is that countries such as Finland, which are members of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), could be at a disadvantage if the EEC builds a trade fortress with penalties for outsiders wishing to trade.

EFTA, which consists of the Scandinavian countries along with Switzerland and Austria, has said it is to seek closer links with Comecon, the Eastern bloc's trade organization, hoping it may give greater bargaining power for negotiations with the EEC.

While Scandinavian executives are often cynical about the short-term affects of 1992, believing it will not make much difference for several years, computer and other high technology companies, see EEC plans for standardization in several areas of technology throughout the Community after 1992 as a potentially huge business opportunity.

Nokia Data, for example, the largest division of Finland's biggest industrial company — the Nokia Group — believes that if the plans for EEC-wide banking become reality, it could mean huge orders for its financial systems.

More growth is expected for firms such as Nokia Data from upgrading existing customers' computer equipment than getting new business. Similarly, an EEC standard for cellular telephones could help the company's mobile telephone business, which has about 14 per cent of the world market now. It has been one of the leaders in setting up a pan-European digital cellular network called GSM.

Nokia, with a £2.8 billion turnover, has been expanding fast and needs the EEC market more than ever. Unlike Austria, which is considering applying for EEC membership, Finland has said it could never become a full member because of its geographical location and links with the neighbouring Soviet Union.

During 1988, sales for the Nokia Group rose by more than 60 per cent — largely due to buying into electronics which account for nearly two-thirds of its business.

But the acquisitions also caused a hefty dip in profits for last year, with net income down 40 per cent for the first eight months of 1988 — although the company is so far achieving its aim of becoming a European force in mobile telephones, television sets and computing.

Nokia already has television manufacturing sites within the EEC and says it could switch to something like computer production in those factories if 1992 made it necessary. It is also looking at acquisitions or partnerships within the EEC.

Nokia is well ahead with technologies for the near future. It is already working on the next generation high definition television.

The company also produces low radiation terminals designed to minimize electromagnetic radiation with an eye on the emphasis within Scandinavia on health and safety.

The Nokia group has been described as a rubber boot to hi-tech conglomerate, but its increasing emphasis on electronics means that it must overcome any restraints that the EEC's single European market puts on companies that operate outside its borders.

Matthew May

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PERSPECTIVE

Around the corner of this age of technology, there lurks a project so awe-inspiring that it puts all of the current debate about satellite TV entertainment directly into the category of trivia.

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Working from home via a computer link can make business – and family – sense, Jane Lawrence writes

The home front

JOBSCENE

Joyce Stace is a computer programmer. Yet she never has to leave her spare room. She is one of the increasing number of employees who choose teleworking, the process of working from home via a computer and a telephone line.

According to research firm Industrial Relations Services (IRS), there are between 3,000 and 5,000 teleworkers now in employment.

And figures from London-based Empirica UK, to be published later this year in a book *Telework, Towards The Elusive Office*, show that about a quarter of all British employees are interested in teleworking.

Empirica talked to around 4,000 employees at the end of 1986, and discovered that 23 per cent found the prospect attractive, while 32 per cent of those in jobs considered suitable for teleworking were interested.

In a separate survey 35 per cent of managers said they were interested in the possibilities which teleworking presented.

Empirica UK director Ursula Hughes says there can be problems in defining the principle of teleworking as opposed, say, to freelancing from home, but refines the process to three components – working from home, the use of technology and a commitment to a single employer.

Joyce Stace fulfils all three criteria. She works from her home in Amersham, Buckinghamshire, for computer company Honeywell Bull for 20 hours a week, writing programs on a terminal connected to a mainframe computer.

She has an eight-year-old son and was attracted to teleworking when she decided to return to employment. Its main benefit is flexibility. "I can do it when I want to do it," she says. That might mean in the evening – or even at weekends when the load on Honeywells mainframe is reduced.

Initially it took some getting used to. "The first few weeks were quite hard work, but I learnt an awful lot," she says. But while she sometimes misses day-to-day contact with fellow programmers, and "picking up little tips", teleworking has lived up to her expectations.

Stace is the ideal example of the sort of worker companies like Honeywell hope to attract. With an expected shortfall of graduates, as the number of school-leavers dips over the next few years, companies in the computer industry and other areas are falling over themselves to recruit and retain experienced staff.

Teleworking allows them to attract employees who would otherwise have remained outside the market. It basically appeals to two groups, says Hughes – those wanting to set up their own business, and those who have to tailor their working lives to domestic circumstances.

Many women, for example, blend teleworking with bringing up a family. But men are increasingly attracted by the possibilities – IRS says 50 per cent of those applying to CPS, the teleworking arm of computer manufacturer ICL, are male.

Honeywell's personnel officer Jim Philip says the firm is delighted with the way its project is progressing. Those working from home are getting through work "at a tremendous rate" and providing quality output.

Honeywell has four workers on its books and is looking for a total of eight. All are treated as employees, and earn between £7 and £9 an hour, slightly more than if they were full-time because they are not paid for holidays or sickness.

Isolation can be a problem, but Honeywell's employees keep in touch with the world via monthly site visits and contact with a full-time co-ordinator.

Teleworking, however, can have other disadvantages. Some point to the possibility of employers imposing teleworking in an effort to wriggle out of paying for expensive office space.

But more important, in the day-to-day running of a teleworking project, is the issue of remote management. Hampshire County Council, which has about 40 teleworkers, is handling the problem by running management training courses over the next 18 months.

Assistant county manpower services officer, Bob Lisney, says staff must be "geared up" to manage remotely. "Managers find it difficult not to have people on the premises, but there are some areas where it has been overcome, and there's a lot of commitment."

That commitment is crucial, since individual managers within the council have the responsibility for deciding which employees should be allowed to telework if they so wish.

One of the council's main aims is to solve its recruitment problems. Lisney estimates that there are around 50,000 unemployed in Hampshire. But many people are reluctant to travel to the authority's Winchester offices. "They want to work locally," he says.

Hampshire is planning a campaign to attract those returning from career breaks. Lisney says that while there's a lot of interest in the concept of teleworking within the authority, implementation can be difficult.

Sue Milsome, at IRS, sympathizes, explaining that many organizations are anxious over the practicalities. Nevertheless, more and more companies are considering teleworking as an option.

MARC ASPLAN

Running a home and a career side by side: Joyce Stace working at her office-linked computer in her spare bedroom – "I can do it when I want to do it"

A first for UK

A British inventor has described a breakthrough in electronic technology that may lead to a new generation of supercomputers capable of carrying out a million million operations a second, at a fraction of the cost of today's machines.

Conventional supercomputers, widely used for such complex problems as weather prediction, solve problems by feeding in data bit by bit, and processing each part in turn. But the enormous number of microprocessors and memory chips they need makes them very expensive.

Ivor Catt, an independent electronics consultant, has found a way in which cheaper, mass-produced components can be used to build such machines. Built from large "arrays" consisting of a million processing units, computers could solve many problems simultaneously.

Catt says that calculation speeds a hundred times higher than today's fastest supercomputers could be possible on machines costing a few million pounds.

Details of the breakthrough, a development of his pioneering microelectronics work, will appear in the March issue of *Electronics and Wireless World*.

At an international conference later this month, Anamartic, a Cambridge-based electronics company, will announce that it has used Catt's ideas to achieve so-called wafer-scale integration. It allows faulty components to be left on the thin slab, or "wafer", of silicon on which they are formed, greatly cutting manufacturing costs.

Robert Matthews

When the chips are really down

● European governments willing to offer subsidies to Japanese microchip firms setting up plants in Europe were criticized this week by Pasquale Pistorio, chairman of the French/Italian semiconductor maker SGS/-Thomson Electronics. "It is a fundamental error and will hurt Europe," he said.

Last week Fujitsu was reported to be heading a new wave of Japanese investment with plans for a factory in north-east England that would put several semiconductor plants into Europe. Hitachi and Toshiba are expected to follow as they fear further restrictions on chips made outside the EEC after 1992. European manufacturers – which lag far behind Japan in making computer chips – fear any government assistance for Japanese plants will make their own products less competitive. Europe has less than 10 per cent of the world semiconductor market, compared with Japan's massive 42 per cent.

● Compaq, the personal computer manufacturer, has announced an 88 per cent rise in profit for its final quarter compared with a year earlier. So spectacular has its previous growth been that US analysts described the results as showing growth was slowing. Sales increased 55 per cent for the quarter to $667 million (£370 million).

Compaq is now mentioned along with IBM and Apple as one of the three big personal computer manufacturers. Founded in 1983, with sales of about £100 million after the first years trading, its growth rate has set new records in the US ending up with sales worth more than $2 billion in 1988. Compaq's results have been spurred by ex-IBM customers unhappy with IBM's attempts to move to a new standard for personal computers with the PS/2 range.

● Solar-powered television sets parachuted into Third World villages are the latest brainchild of US religious broadcaster Pat Robertson. He intends to drop the television sets with pictorial instructions on how to set them up to receive satellite broadcasts of his programmes. Displaying one of the little televisions at the National Religious Broadcasters conference in Washington last week – a magazine-sized contraption of styrofoam, cardboard and computer circuitry – he said: "Ten years from now, this will be $1 or so per unit." Advances in technology and broadcasting are seen by religous broadcasters as providing new opportunities to spread their message.

But they can also cause embarrassment. Radio broadcaster Paul Raseyer claimed that 80 per cent of the delegates at last year's NRB convention "watched an X-rated movie in their hotel rooms". The figure was compiled from the computerized hotel bills.

● Honeywell Bull has changed its name to Bull HN Information Systems although the company will commonly refer to itself in its logo and advertising material as Bull. The "H" in the longer version is said to reflect the giant US computer company Honeywell's near 20 per cent stake, while the "N" stands for the 15 per cent interest of the Japanese firm NEC. Possible connotations of the new name have not been lost on copywriters who are already running a poster campaign with the phrase "To business problems we say Bull".

BRIEFING

By Matthew May

● Robert Morris, the computer hacker who virtually shut down a huge data network in November, is the subject of a legal wrangle in the US over what offence he should be charged with.

Some government prosecutors believe he should be charged only with a misdemeanour, while others in the US Justice Department want him charged more severely as a deterrent to anyone else.

Morris, a computer language expert, put an unauthorized virus program on to a network run by the US Department of Defense. If charged with a felony, Morris could face up to 20 years in gaol compared with less than one year for a misdemeanour.

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After a slack period in the early 1980s, the job market for planning graduates is once again buoyant. Property developers and major land owners, minerals operators, planning and property consultancies, pressure groups such as the House Builders Federation and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, have all expanded their planning staffs in the late 1980s, typically luring trained staff from local authorities.

The demand is expected to continue strongly into the 1990s. As long as people care about the environment, and landowners and developers seek to alter it, planning work will be needed.

It is, therefore, no surprise to find the planning profession increasingly aware of "demographics", or the potential shortage of young people joining the job market. Along with most other professions, planners are hoping that many more women as well as men will come forward into their work in the 1990s.

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), the planners' professional body, has, however, been embarrassed to discover that in 1986, only 15 per cent of members were women, and that in the planning schools still only 30 per cent were women.

Vigorous efforts are now being made to find out why this is so. Most planners would consider their profession to be "open" to all comers, just as they hope their approach to customers of the planning service and clients for planning work is broadly based and "people-friendly".

Hope and reality, of course, do not always match. Although the planning field continues to attract many lively young people interested in the varied challenges of a role in managing environmental change and with a strong commitment to improving the quality of our environment, many still have negative images of the profession.

Some are put off by the image of local government — bureaucratic, inflexible working practices, male-dominated, lacking in opportunities for initiative. Others see the planning profession as dull and boring, mainly middle-aged and male. Nor is a career in "the public service" these days so attractive, after a decade of "privatization" and criticism of local government.

Although it is always possible to find people and offices which fit these caricatures, planning work — particularly in the areas which are expanding — is not like this at all. Take the graduate who has joined a team of consultants operating with one of the new urban development corporations working up approaches to regeneration.

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In the cities, a young planner might find herself face to face with a former colleague across the negotiating table, as she tries to persuade a development company to make a contribution to much-needed public infrastructure costs, or to achieve a higher quality of design, while her opposite number, remembering training negotiating practice, tries to assess the cost of these demands against the benefit to her company of being seen to be socially and environmentally sensitive.

A former colleague might be working in the community business field, helping young people, perhaps from ethnic minorities, to find a site and get planning permission for premises for a new enterprise. Another might be part of a local authority experiment in breaking up their centralized bureaucratic bastions into neighbourhood offices, which are more sensitive to what local people really want.

These cameos indicate that there has been a substantial change in the way planning work is done. In the 1970s, almost all planners expected to spend most of their working careers in local authorities. After a big expansion of local authority planning work, as a result of local government reorganization, there was a period of immobility, many people staying for 10 years in their first job.

All this has now changed. "Privatization" and increasing popular interest in the environment means that developers, consultants and pressure groups now do much more planning work. Meanwhile, local government planners find themselves involved in a wider range of work, from economic development initiatives to environmental impact assessment, and finding ways of reducing environmental hazards.

All this demands that planners should be people with initiative and imagination, able to connect environmental and design issues to economic and social ones, to consider alternatives and explore consequences.

Flexibility and sensitivity, those two qualities which women tend to be more aware of than their male colleagues, are at a premium in contemporary planning work. Women now have a much higher profile in the planning profession than they did, with many more of them in middle and senior management positions. There remain some prejudices which in the past made it difficult for women to get promotion or access to inwork training opportunities and to return after a career break to have children.

However, the RTPI is committed to eliminating any prejudices that remain, and there is now much discussion about good practice with respect to employees with caring responsibilities. There are many examples of arrangements such as jobshares or other opportunities to work part-time, and local authorities and consultancies are adopting the principles of a managed career break.

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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Dated February 3, 1989
On behalf of the Board
G J Hardingham - Director

Focusrite Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the Institute of Chartered Insurers, 20 Aldermanbury, London EC2, on the 17th day of February 1989 at the 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 98, 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge, on the two business days falling next before the Meeting, at 186 City Road, London EC1V 2NU.
Dated this 30th day of January 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A R NEVE - Director

CENTRAL SHOPFITTING LONDON) LIMITED
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
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Dated this 31st day of January 1989
RWJ Long and I Jacob
Joint Liquidators

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SAGAHUS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the UNSECURED CREDITORS will be held at Chapel Yard, 10/16 Union Street, London SE1 1SZ on Thursday 23rd day of February 1989 at 11.45 am for the purpose of receiving a report covering the background to and progress of the receivership together with other matters stipulated by Section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986.
Unsecured Creditors of Sagahus (Sussex) Limited may obtain copies of this report prior to the meeting from Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL quoting reference D2G/MP/140/JEZ, or telephoning, please call Miss J Bixby on 01-378 7200 extension 4609).
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(a) he has given to the receiver not later than 12.00 hours on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11(2)(7) Insolvency Rules 1986 and
(b) there has been lodged with the administration receiver a proxy which the creditor intends to be used of his behalf.
Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring Miss J Bixby extension 4609 to obtain the necessary forms.
Dated this 7th day of February 1989
DM Ghosh -
Joint Administrative Receiver

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AND
IN THE MATTER OF SAGAHUS LIMITED (IN (LONDON) RECEIVERSHIP)
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Unsecured Creditors of Sagahus (London) Limited may obtain copies of this report prior to the meeting from Price Waterhouse, No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL quoting reference D2G/MP/140/JEZ, or telephoning, please call Miss J Bixby on 01-378 7200 extension 4609).
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Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring Miss J Bixby extension 4609 to obtain the necessary forms.
Dated this 7th day of February 1989
DM Ghosh -
Joint Administrative Receiver

Allen Davies & Co Limited
(In Administration)
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Registered Office: 68/71 Queen Square, Bristol.
Principal Trading Address: Knapps Lane, Fishponds, Bristol, BS5 7UN.
Company No. : 154210
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Second Floor, 68/71 Queen Square, Bristol on the 23rd day of February 1989, at 11 a.m. in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986, i.e.:-
1. To consider the Directors' Statement of Affairs.
2. To appoint Joint Liquidators.
3. To appoint a Liquidation Committee.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company at 68/71 Queen Square, Bristol, not later than 4.00 p.m. on 22nd February 1989.
The following insolvency practitioner will provide creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs: A M D Bird, Touche Ross & Co, 68/71 Queen Square, Bristol.
Dated this 3rd day of February 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R C SHEPPARD - Secretary

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AND
IN THE MATTER OF SAGAHUS LIMITED (IN RECEIVERSHIP)
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Dated this 31st day of January 1989
RWJ Long and I Jacob
Joint Liquidators

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Dated this 31st day of January 1989
RWJ Long and I Jacob
Joint Liquidators

ORIENTAL CREDIT LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 594 of the Companies Act 1985, that meetings of the Members and Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Touche Ross & Co., Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR on Thursday 21st day of February 1989, at 11.00 am for the purposes of receiving an account of the Joint Liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the year to 26th October 1988.
Proxies must be lodged at the Registered Office of the Company situate at 33/34 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1EN not later than 12.00 noon on the 20th day of February 1989.
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JOINT LIQUIDATORS
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Educational trust not registrable for VAT despite profit

Bell Concord Educational Trust Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners

Before Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice Staughton

[Judgment February 3]

Where a company budgeted for and achieved a surplus of income over expenditure for the purpose of applying all of the surplus for educational charitable purposes, the company was not registrable for value-added tax.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, allowed an appeal by Bell Concord Educational Trust Ltd from a decision of Mr Justice Taylor who had allowed an appeal by the Customs and Excise Commissioners from a decision of the Manchester VAT Tribunal, which had held that the company was not registrable for VAT.

Mr Frederic Reynold, QC and Mr Roderick Cordara for the company; Mr Guy Sankey for the commissioners.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. Its objects were to promote the advancement of education and to carry on, acquire and develop boarding or day schools.

Its memorandum and articles expressly provided that its income and property were to be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects and that no portion thereof should be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to its members.

The company acquired and carried on as its only activity an educational establishment known as Concord College.

Whether or not the company was registrable for VAT depended upon whether the services it supplied were exempted under section 17(1) of the Value Added Tax Act 1983.

Under that section a supply of services was exempt if it was of a description for the time being specified in Schedule 6 to the Act. Item 2 of Group 6 of the Schedule was: "The provision, otherwise than for profit, of — (a) education or research of a kind provided by a school or university . . .".

The sole question was whether the provision of education by the company was or had been "otherwise than for profit" within the meaning of Group 6 of Schedule 6.

The VAT tribunal found as facts that in fixing the fees payable for its courses the company budgeted for, and achieved, a substantial surplus of income over expenditure; its purpose was to maintain and improve the quality of the facilities offered to students by increasing the number of teachers and by improving and adding to the buildings; and intended, when such purposes had been achieved, to reduce its fees in real terms and, if possible, to establish scholarships for gifted children in need.

In the year ending August 31, 1984 the surplus was nearly £216,000 and in the following year it was over £232,000, representing in each case a little over a fifth of the company's total turnover. The company intended for the next two years at least to continue to budget for surpluses of that order.

The question, therefore, was whether the fact that the company was budgeting to make a surplus each year with a view to applying such accumulated surpluses in the future for its charitable purposes meant that at the relevant time it was not providing its educational services "otherwise than for profit".

The judge construed the 1983 Act in the light of the Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) and on that basis found that the exemption did not apply where, for the time being, an organization was aiming to make a surplus or profit on current account.

Under the Act VAT was chargeable on the supply of goods and services: section 17 exempted supplies of a description specified in Schedule 6. Applying the conventional approach, therefore, one would have to look at each provision of services by the company and ask of it "Was such supply otherwise than for profit?" That would plainly be impractical and the commissioners did not contend for that view.

It was common ground that one had to look at the organization providing the services to discover whether such services were provided otherwise than for profit. It was also common ground that the answer to that question lay in the purpose, intention or motive of the company. There were two possible views:

(a) That, notwithstanding that the surplus would never be applied otherwise than for the educational charitable purposes of the company, so long as the company was pursuing a policy of making a surplus on the provision of educational services, those services were being provided for profit.

That was the commissioners' contention and focused on the policy for the time being pursued by the organization, irrespective of the objects for which it was established.

(b) That since the surplus could never redound to the profit of any individual but had to be applied for the educational charitable purposes of the company, the services were being provided otherwise than for profit.

That was the company's contention which focused on the objects for which the organization was established, irrespective of its budgeting policy from time to time.

In his Lordship's judgment, the phrase "otherwise than for profit" was ambiguous and was capable of bearing either of the meanings contended for.

Apart from the Directive, his Lordship would construe the phrase in the sense contended for by the company. There was nothing in the context which threw any light on the meaning of the words and the reasons for favouring the company's contention were primarily practical.

If the phrase "otherwise than for profit" required one to look at the constitution of the organization to discover the purposes for which it was established, there was a clear and unambiguous test as to whether the supply was made for profit. If the commissioners' test was correct the consequential difficulties were formidable.

If the phrase implied that a charitable organization could carry on a business for "profit" the question at once arose as to what was meant by "profit". In relation to what period did one assess the profit? How often did one have to ask the question: "Is the organization providing its services otherwise than for profit?"

Parliament was far more likely to have considered that the phrase meant bodies which were non-profit making bodies in the ordinary sense of the word rather than bodies which, from time to time, aimed to make a surplus on revenue account.

The complexities of administration of the tax for educational charities would become so complex on any other view that, apart from any guidance from the Directive, his Lordship would reject the commissioners' construction.

Was the position altered by the Sixth Council Directive which was binding on the United Kingdom as to the result to be achieved?

Pursuant to that Treaty obligation, the Value Added Tax (Education) Order (SI 1977 No 1787), was made substituting a new Group 6 in Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1972, which was the Act then regulating VAT. Group 6 as enacted by the 1977 Order was in the same terms as Group 6 of Schedule 6 to the 1983 Act, which was a consolidating Act.

If there was an ambiguity in the domestic legislation on VAT, it was permissible and necessary to seek to construe Group 6 of Schedule 6 to the 1983 Act so as to produce compliance by the UK with its Treaty obligations by making the UK provisions accord with, so far as possible, provisions of the Directive: see *Garland v British Rail Engineering Ltd* ([1983] 2 AC 751, 771).

The English text of article 13(1) of the Directive imposed a mandatory duty on member states to exempt from VAT "(i) Children's or young people's education, school or university education . . . including the supply of services and of goods closely related thereto . . .".

Article 13(2), however, gave member states a limited right to impose conditions on such exemptions: "Member states may make the granting . . . of each exemption . . . subject in each individual case to one or more of the following conditions:— they shall not systematically aim to make a profit, but any profits nevertheless arising shall not be distributed, but shall be assigned to the continuance or improvement of the services supplied . . .".

Under the Directive, the company having educational purposes was entitled to mandatory exemption under article 13(2) but the UK legislature was entitled to refuse such relief unless the company was an organization which did not "systematically aim to make a profit but any profits nevertheless arising [was not to] be distributed . . .".

It was the commissioners' contention that those words in article 13(2) were the basis on which Group 6 of Schedule 6 was founded. Those words were themselves very obscure. What was meant by the words "systematically aim to make a profit"?

It was perfectly possible to have an organization which had been established with dual objects, one of providing education and the other of making a private profit, that is, the privately owned school. Therefore there was nothing impossible in the concept of a body having both educational and profit-making objects.

Moreover, the system referred to in the words "systematically aimed" was perfectly capable of referring to the system established by the regulating documents, for example, the memorandum and articles of the company.

Therefore, in his Lordship's judgment, the English text of the Directive (read in isolation) was itself ambiguous and threw no clear light on the true construction of Group 6 of Schedule 6 to the 1983 Act.

In such circumstances it was legitimate to look at the French text to see if it clarified the position: see *James Buchanan & Co Ltd v Babco Forwarding and Shipping (UK) Ltd* ([1978] AC 141, 152, 161, 167).

Although his Lordship's knowledge of French was far from commanding, the French text appeared to be providing clearly the following: the organizations shall not have as their object the systematic pursuit of profit, any beneficial outturn being acquired not to be distributed but required to be applied to the maintenance or improvement of the services provided.

If, as his Lordship believed, that was a correct translation, in the French text "the systematic pursuit of profit" was explained by the latter words of the clause as meaning an organization which could not apply any profits arising otherwise than for its purposes.

It followed that on that basis the UK Government could only withhold the exemption from organizations which had the power to distribute profits for private gain.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was legitimate to construe the English text, which was capable of bearing that meaning, in that sense also.

Accordingly, his Lordship reached the view that, to the extent that the Directive assisted in the construction of the 1983 Act it pointed in favour of the view that he would in any event prefer, namely that the words "otherwise than for profit" referred to the objects for which an organization was established and not to the budgeting policy being pursued for the time being by the organization in question.

His Lordship would therefore allow the appeal and restore the decision of the tribunal.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, concurring, said that he agreed with the Vice-Chancellor, subject to two points which it was not necessary to decide for the purposes of the present appeal and on which he would prefer to express no concluded view although he regarded it as important to draw attention to them since otherwise their Lordships' decision could be considered to have wider application than he would wish.

The first point was whether item 2 could only apply to a supply by a charity or other body whose constitution prevented it from being conducted with a view to profit.

His Lordship would regard it as open to argument whether the terms of item 2 were confined to bodies whose powers were limited so as to prevent their activities resulting in personal profit.

It was arguable that an individual could be treated as making supplies otherwise than for profit if, but only if, he could establish that any difference between the price charged and the gross cost of a supply or supplies was intended to be used broadly for the purposes identified in item 2.

The second point was as to the position of a charity which carried on educational activities which were within item 2 and other non-educational charitable activities.

Would supplies still fall within item 2 if "profits" which resulted from making educational supplies were intended to be used to subsidise the other non-educational activities of the charity?

Again, his Lordship regarded it as being at least arguable that if the proceeds of the provision of supplies which otherwise fell within item 2 were to be used for non-educational purposes the provision would not be otherwise than for profit and not therefore within item 2.

Finally, his Lordship should indicate that he was far from satisfied that any issue as to the interpretation of item 2 which he had identified could result in a conflict between item 2 and the requirements of the French, or English version of the Directive.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON, concurring, said that looking at the 1983 Act on its own, the words "otherwise than for profit" in item 2 referred to the motive of the supplier.

If he effected the supply with the motive of making a profit, the supply was not exempt; if his motive was the advancement of education but a surplus of income over expenditure nevertheless resulted, it was exempt.

Even if that was not the only possible construction, it was plainly one that the statute was capable or bearing. Could reference then be made to the Directive to resolve the ambiguity? It was conceded that a taxpayer could rely directly on a Council Directive, whether or not the commissioners could do so.

If reference was made only to the English text of the Directive, his Lordship would be inclined to agree with Mr Justice Taylor that a company which deliberately planned to make a large surplus, whether or not for the benefit of its members, would be infringing a condition that it should not "systematically aim to make a profit".

But when one turned to the French text it was plain, for the reasons given by the Vice-Chancellor, that the words "otherwise than for profit" were a condition authorized by the Directive, because they referred to the activities of an organization with an objective other than profit, which retained any profits incidentally made within its business.

Solicitors: Mr H. H. Mainprice; Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Transfer of trade

Mannin Management Services Ltd v Ward

When, on an application for a redundancy payment, the issue arose whether there had been a transfer of a trade or business or an undertaking for the purposes of paragraph 17(2) of Schedule 13 to the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978, the industrial tribunal ought to incorporate in its reasons a full description of the activities which were alleged to constitute the trade, business or undertaking.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson) so stated on February 7, dismissing an appeal from the Employment Appeal Tribunal which had upheld the industrial tribunal's finding that there had been such a transfer of such a business or undertaking.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that if an industrial tribunal correctly directing itself in law and weighing up all the relevant factors decided that there had been a transfer of a business, that conclusion was binding provided there was evidence to support it.

Totality of injury direction correct

Regina v Grundy

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Mr Justice Caulfield and Mr Justice Eastham

[Reasons February 3]

Where two other men had assaulted a police officer before the arrival of the appellant, it was not a defence on a charge of jointly inflicting grievous bodily harm that the only injury sustained capable by itself of amounting to grievous bodily harm, a broken nose, could have been caused prior to the arrival of the appellant when he was not acting in furtherance of any common design.

The trial judge had been correct in his direction on joint enterprise that the totality of the injury suffered could amount to grievous bodily harm.

The Court of Appeal so held in giving reasons for the dismissal of an appeal by Brian Grundy on January 24, against his conviction on April 15, 1988 at Bolton Crown Court (Judge Lever, QC and a jury) on one count of causing grievous bodily harm with intent on which he had been sentenced to four years imprisonment.

Appeals by Brian Gerrard and John Patterson against conviction for the same offence, on which they had been sentenced to three years six months and four years imprisonment respectively had also been dismissed.

Mr Stuart Denney, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Raymond Wigglesworth for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR, giving the judgment of the court, said that at 2.15am on September 27, 1986, in Bank Street, Bolton, PC Oates entered a club in pursuit of an alleged drunken driver.

According to the prosecution case his way was barred by Patterson who punched him several times about the face and body. He was then grabbed from behind by Gerrard who pinned his arms while Patterson continued to punch him. Shortly afterwards, Grundy arrived and joined in the attack finally headbutting the officer.

A medical examination showed a broken nose, chipped bottom teeth and other injuries. The officer could not say at what stage his nose had been broken.

On behalf of Grundy it was submitted that:

(i) the only injury that could amount to grievous bodily harm was the broken nose;

(ii) that Grundy could not be convicted of causing grievous bodily harm unless the jury was sure that the nose had been broken by a blow struck by Grundy or by a blow struck by someone else while Grundy was participating in the fight;

(iii) that the appellants were not acting in concert in furtherance of any pre-arranged plan to attack PC Oates;

(iv) that as the jury had never considered whether the nose was broken while Grundy was participating in the fight, his conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory.

Reliance had been placed on *R v Abbott* ([1964] 1 QB 489) in which Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, had said:

"If two people are jointly indicted for the commission of a crime and the evidence does not point to one rather than the other, and there is no evidence that they are acting in concert, the jury ought to return a verdict of not guilty in the case of both because the prosecution have not proved the case."

Their Lordships did not consider that the *dictum* in *Abbott* was applicable to the facts in the case before them. They could not accept the submission that the broken nose was the only injury that amounted to grievous bodily harm.

It did not matter that the attack on PC Oates had began before Grundy had joined in. He was aiding the the commission of the offence and participating in it as soon as he joined in. There had been ample evidence that the victim had sustained grievous bodily harm in the attack in which all three of the appellants had participated.

Solicitors: CPS, Manchester.

Deterrence in blackmail sentencing

Regina v Hadjou

Deterrence was perhaps the most important part of the sentence for blackmail, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said on January 20 when, sitting with Mr Justice Rose and Mr Justice Pill, he gave the judgment of the Court of Appeal dismissing an appeal against a four-year sentence passed at the Central Criminal Court by Judge Pownall on the conviction of George Hadjou, aged 26, on a count of blackmail contrary to section 21 of the Theft Act 1968.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that their Lordships agreed with the sentencing judge's statement that in the calendar of criminal offences blackmail was one of the ugliest because it involved what one found so often, attempted murder of the soul and the appellant had set out to do just that to the victim.

His Lordship added that blackmail was indeed one of the most vicious crimes in the calendar of criminal offences. Perhaps because courts always imposed severe sentences for such a crime one so seldom found a person convicted for the second time of blackmail. Deterrence was, perhaps, the most important part of the sentence in such a case.

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TENNIS

Navratilova finds a new attitude is bad for results

Tokyo (Reuter) — Martina Navratilova is mellowing with age. Once nearly invincible, she fears she is simply becoming too even-tempered to win much any more. "I am too nice. I am happy for people when they are winning," said Navratilova, aged 32, after making uncharacteristically heavy weather of beating Lori McNeil, American, in the final of an indoor tournament here.

"I think I need to get a little bit more of the killer instinct. . .the eye of the tiger," she said. "You don't see Steffi Graf smiling at her opponents very much, do you?"

Navratilova said her recently acquired on-court *bonhomie* was partly to blame for lack of motivation in the early rounds of tournaments. "You have to be really eager on court and that comes a lot easier when you are 20 than 30."

Last year she failed to win a grand slam title for the first time in eight years and she got only as far as the quarter-final of the Australian Open last month before losing to Helena Sukova.

While Navratilova, the winner of 17 grand slam titles and a total of 140 tournaments since 1975, insists the advancing years have affected only her state of mind some opponents see signs of a physical decline as well. "It is inevitable, it happens naturally as you get older," said McNeil, beaten 6-7, 6-3, 7-6. "I think maybe her speed on court is not as good as it was."

Navratilova, now ranked second in the world behind Graf, still trains hard and quashed any speculation she would soon retire to her home in Fort Worth to spend more time with her numerous pets.

"I am definitely planning on playing in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona," she said, having been the only one of the world's top five women missing when tennis returned to the Olympics in Seoul last September after a 64-year absence. She apparently felt her schedule would not accommodate the Games but later told her regular doubles partner, Pam Shriver, she regretted her decision to stay away.

Now she is being eclipsed by the 19-year-old Graf, who made a clean sweep of the grand slam titles last year and has already won the Australian Open again. Navratilova has lost to her three times in their last five encounters and accepts that she may not get many more chances for revenge unless she sharpens up her mental attitude.

"I have to get to play her first," Navratilova said. "Lately I have been losing before I get the chance to play her."

Britons fall to seeds

From Barry Wood, Wellington

Clare Wood and Amanda Grunfeld, of Britain, were unable to defeat seeded opposition in the second round of the Fernleaf Classic yesterday.

A valiant effort by Wood over 114 minutes was not enough to overcome the No. 3 seed, Halle Cioffe, of the United States, who won 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 by mixing moonballs in among her ground strokes every few seconds, so preventing Wood from finding any sort of rhythm.

Grunfeld was beaten 7-5, 6-3 by the Belgian No. 1, Sandra Wasserman, but held a set point at 5-4. That was lost, but her biggest disappointment was that, although she never stopped trying, she was unable to provide stiffer resistance in the second set.

RESULTS: First round: B Cordwell (NZ) bt C Cohen (Switz), 6-2, 6-4. Second round: E Smylie (Aus) bt A Ivan (US), 6-3, 6-3; J Faull (Aus) bt M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; H Cioffi (US) bt C Wood (GB), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3; S Wasserman (Bel) bt A Grunfeld (GB), 7-5, 6-1.

TABLE TENNIS

Cooke is key to promotion

By Richard Eaton

England's promotion to the Super Division will become a virtual certainty if they can complete their fifth successive victory of the season over their close rivals, Belgium, in the European League tonight.

The match, sponsored by the Leeds Building Society, in Leeds, is the most important since England were relegated four years ago.

The three players entrusted with the task are those who did so well to topple the League leaders, Austria, 4-3 in Salzburg. Alan Cooke and Carl Prean will play the four men's singles between them and Alison Gordon will play the one women's singles. This means that Cooke, the England No. 1, will again have the tough task of playing four times an evening, with responsibilities in both men's and mixed doubles with Prean and Gordon.

Much will depend on Cooke's strength of nerve and stamina. Although England won 5-2 in the same fixture away from home last year, the Belgians were pressurized by the rare combination of TV coverage, a big crowd, and even bigger expectations. They got off to a bad start and never recovered. This time it could easily be different.

They have two talented young men's singles players in Jean-Michel Saive and Andras Podpinka, each of whom has wins and losses against Cooke in the past. But there is a fitness doubt about Podpinka and England may face the reserve, Thierry Cabrera.

EQUESTRIANISM

Hunt now eligible for team

By Jenny MacArthur

The former professional, David Hunt, one of Britain's top dressage riders, has been granted a competitor's licence by the International Equestrian Federation, making him eligible to compete at World and European championships and at Olympic Games.

Until now Hunt, aged 42, has been able to compete at only the smaller international shows with his horse, Maple Zenith, one of Britain's best dressage horses.

Under the conditions of "competitor status", Hunt, who runs a yard in Ascot, will have to stop training British team riders in any equestrian discipline. Before leaving for a holiday in the United States last week, Hunt said: "It'll be worth losing a top pupil if I can ride myself for Britain."

His immediate aim is selection for the team for this year's European Dressage championships in Luxembourg in August.

The announcement of Hunt's new status is a powerful — and timely — shot in the arm for British dressage, which has a dearth of top-class partnerships. In the Seoul Olympics the team finished second to last.

That is unlikely to be the case in Luxembourg. Domini Morgan, the chairman of the selectors, said yesterday: "We're delighted to have David to choose from for the team."

Hunt and the 16-year-old Maple Zenith won three classes in Rotterdam last August and are presently lying third in the standings for the Nashua World Cup.

FISHING

Figures show decline in salmon catches

By Conrad Voss Bark

Latest official figures of salmon catches in Scotland, based on catch returns, show a continuing decline in the number of salmon and grilse caught by commercial netsmen.

In 1987 commercial fishermen using boats (net and coble) caught 84,000 salmon compared with 119,000 in 1986, a decline of 30 per cent. Those using shore nets (fixed engines) took 113,000 fish compared with 156,000 in 1986, a decline of 27 per cent.

The rod and line fishing catch of 71,000 salmon and grilse in 1987 was a drop of five per cent compared with the high figure of 75,000 the previous year.

The decline in the commercial catch was greatest in those areas, such as the east, north east, north and Moray Firth regions where the Atlantic Salmon Conservation Trust was active in buying out the nets.

The Trust, a registered charity, raised more than £1.2m for conservation purposes to buy out commercial netting rights. The Trust estimated that this would save some 75,000 salmon to run the rivers and for most of these fish to be able to spawn.

The Trust has also been active in the Tweed region where last year it bought out some 20 netting stations. This year only a few Tweed nets will still be operating.

The largest catches of salmon by game fishermen in 1987 were in the eight rivers of the Moray Firth area, which include Spey, Findhorn, Deveron, Ness and Conon. In these rivers, game fishermen took 20,700 fish.

Copies of the Scottish Fishery Bulletin can be obtained, price 75p including postage from the Scottish Office Library, New St Andrew's House, Edinburgh EH1 3TD.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

RUSSELL GRANT MIDDLESEX SENIOR CHARITY CUP: Kingsbury v Tottenham (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg League: Derby v Olympe City (8.0).
ICE HOCKEY: Heineken League: Premier division: Tayside Tigers v Murrayfield Racers (8.0).
TABLE TENNIS: Leeds International (European League): England v Belgium (Leeds, 7.0).
TENNIS: Men's challenger tournament (Telford).

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 2-3pm: European clubs' cross-country championship.
BASKETBALL: Screensport 7.30-8.30pm: College basketball: Iowa v Illinois.
CRICKET: Eurosport 4-4.30 and 11.30pm: Australia v West Indies: Highlights.
FOOTBALL: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am and 6-7pm: World five-a-side championships.
GOLF: Screensport 9-10.30pm: Los Angeles open. Screensport 10.30-11.30pm: Inside the PGA.
HANDBALL: Eurosport 9.30-10.30pm: Baltic Cup.
ICE SKATING: Eurosport 9-9.30pm: European speed championships.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 8.30-9pm: Motor Sports news. Screensport 4.15-5.15pm: Monte Carlo rally.
RUGBY UNION: Eurosport 3-4 and 10.30-11.30pm: Five nations' championship.
SKIING: Eurosport 12.30-1.30, 2.30-3.0 and 7-8.30pm: World championships from Vail, United States.
SPEEDWAY: Screensport 6.30-7.30pm: Ice speedway: Individual quarter-finals from Madonna di Campiglio, Italy.
SUMO WRESTLING: C4 8-8.30pm: Autumn tournament from Tokyo.
SWIMMING: Eurosport 1.30-2pm: World Cup.
TEN-PIN BOWLING: Screensport 3-4pm: Professional Bowlers winter tour.
GENERAL: Eurosport 11.30am-12.30pm: Mazda's Eye on Sport. Screensport 5.15-6.15pm: Sport from Spain. Screensport 5.30-6.30pm: Sportsworld.

Racing and Money: Christopher R Hill examines the economics of American tracks

Regulation and rich pickings

As the Home Secretary considers the arguments over racing's rate of levy on the bookmakers, *The Times* concludes its three-part series on the financing of racing abroad, and its possible lessons for Britain.

Today: the United States

If US Gambling Inc had been incorporated as a company in 1986 it would have lain fifteenth in the Forbes 500, just behind Chrysler and ahead of Philip Morris, with total legal and illegal profits of $22.551 billion (about £12.5 billion), eight per cent up on 1985 and representing 0.647 per cent of US personal income. That is the estimate of Eugene Martin Christiansen, of Christian/Cummings Associates Inc, and one of America's leading students of gambling.

From the 1930s until 1979, horseracing dominated the US gambling industry. Casinos took over in 1979 and were themselves overtaken by lotteries in 1986. Lotteries are popular with state governments and more and more states are legalizing them.

In 1987, Christiansen estimates, total legal betting of all kinds was more than $216 billion, an increase of nine per cent over 1986; $32 billion of this total ($6 billion of it wagered on horses) was illegal. Estimates of illegal betting are necessarily very speculative but legal betting on horses on the parimutuel (Tote) system was $11,047 million on-track and $2,092 million off-track. Thoroughbred racing, with parimutuel betting on-course, is legal in 42 states, including Texas, where it was re-authorized in 1987 after 50 years; off-track betting (OTB) is legal in seven states, of which the front-runner is New York.

The Nevada economy depends on gambling, mainly in the casinos of Las Vegas and Reno, to an extent that alarms local academics and politicians. In 1987 bookmakers' turnover on horses in Nevada accounted for $365 million, and it was much higher on other sports.

The federal government plays no part in the control of racing and gambling, except by insisting that tax be paid on legal winnings, which strengthens the hand of illegal bookmakers. However, state governments regulate the industry minutely. All of them lay down what deductions are to be made from parimutuel takings on-track, and off-track in the states that permit it.

However, they differ greatly in the extent to which they specify the various beneficiaries of the deduction; these include the state itself, and the percentages to be applied in prize money, the racetracks' expenses, in-state breeders' funds and so on, may also be embodied in law. The result is that, in many states, racetracks have no control over the prize-money they offer. In others, the details are not specified in such detail by the state legislators and have to be negotiated between the interested parties.

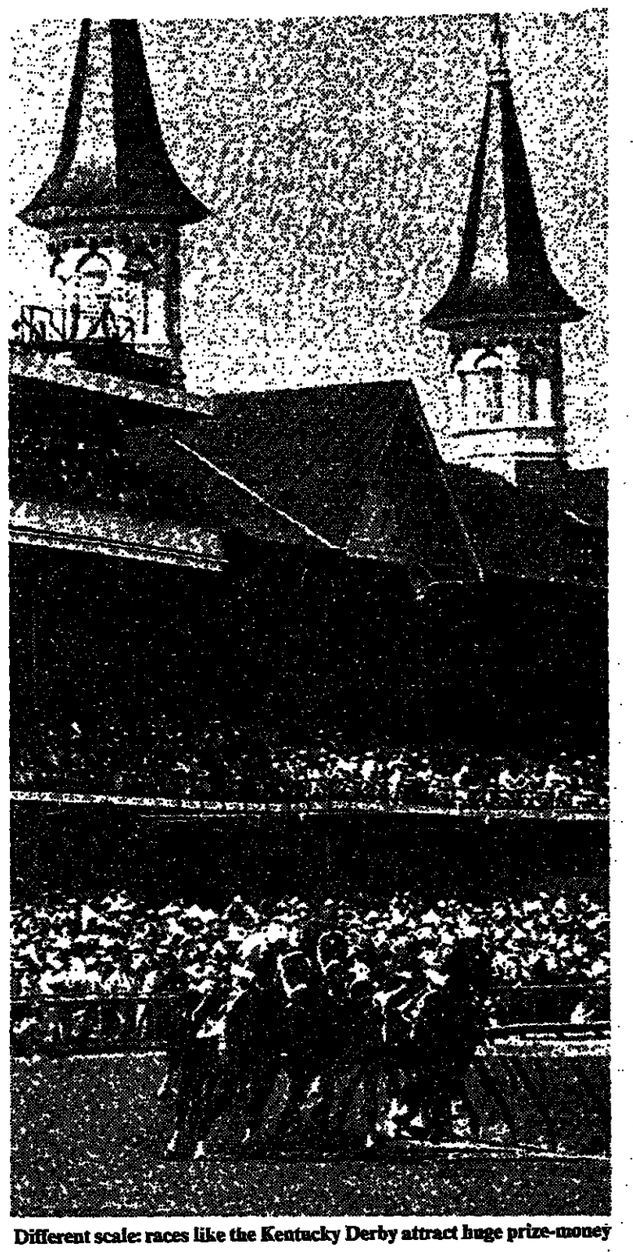
Christiansen says that in 1986 the total on-track turnover for all racing, excluding harness racing, was more than $792 billion, from which the various state governments took $337.5 million in tax, a national average of 4.26 per cent. The effective rates of tax ranged from 6.98 per cent in California down to 0.16 per cent in Delaware. If harness racing and OTB are included, the tax figures rise to $587 million in 1986 and $608 million in 1987, according to the Association of Racing Commissioners International (ARCI).

State governments introduced pari-mutuel betting as a money-spinner after the Depression, but their share of turnover both in dollars and, more markedly, in percentage terms has declined dramatically.

In 1967, taking the United States as a whole, it was 8.12 per cent on thoroughbred racing, but there has been a continuous downward trend in the rates of tax ever since 1977, as racing's needs have increased and the industry has been able to negotiate higher percentages for itself at the states' expense. Thus, the detailed regulation of all aspects of gambling has not been as bad, from racing's point of view, as might be thought. The American attitude is that you get the laws you pay for; if you do not like the law, the answer is to engage a good lobbyist to get it altered.

Christiansen is convinced that for a racecourse to be successful it must satisfy the serious gamblers. For example, at Laurel's Sports Palace in Maryland you may not even be able to see the horses, except on screens, but the facility is competitive with the most successful lottery in the United States and the most successful casinos in the world. To be competitive, facilities must be clean and comfortable — a lesson slowly being learned in Britain.

In off-track betting, New York State was the pioneer. The state's voters had approved a constitutional amendment as long ago as 1939, to allow parimutuel betting, to provide "reasonable revenue for the support of government" and to promote "agriculture generally and the improvement of breeding of horses, particularly in New York State." That was only on-track betting; in 1970 OTB followed, with the objectives of raising revenue and curbing illegal bookmaking.



Different scale: races like the Kentucky Derby attract huge prize-money

The initial legislation has had to be amended to allow the racetracks to survive, but now both operations are successful. So attractive a market has New York's OTB been that William Hill opened discussions in 1985 with a view to taking over the OTB's management. The company (recently taken over by Mecca) was unsuccessful then, but believes that the political climate may soon be more welcoming.

Ladbroke has been more successful. The firm has broken into the American market and now owns three tracks there, as well as the sole licence to manage OTB operations in Wyoming.

The wealth of American racing is hard to grasp. ARCI figures show that (excluding mixed days) thoroughbred racing took place on 6,062 days in 1987; 58,495 races were run, for prize-money of $579.45 million, or just over $9,900 per race. The average daily attendance was 7,240 and average daily turnover $1,469,228. Last November, the fifth running of the Breeders' Cup Series (seven races offering $10 million in prize-money) attracted more than 70,000 spectators, who bet nearly $11 million on-course.

The character of American racing is quite different from anything in Britain. All the horses live and work at the tracks, rather than at trainers' yards, and trainers decide to move their horses from one track to another according to the prize money offered. Owners are said to have a 50-50 chance of breaking even and so huge is the prize-money that a trainer can live off a small string. Most tracks are dirt, and meetings can last weeks or even months, racing five days a week.

Unfortunately, the bloodstock market is giving cause for concern. The sums fetched at the Keeneland Selected Sale last July are not peanuts, with (according to Bill Mooney in *Pacemaker International*) gross receipts of nearly $98 million and an average of nearly $368,000. But this was the first year since 1981 that the total had fallen below $100 million, having been $176 million in 1984, and far too many yearlings failed to fetch reserves set in the light of the high stud fees paid three years earlier.

Nobody knows whether the market will carry on down, but the dominance of a very few high spenders is a major contributor to the uncertainty. Three Maktoum family studs accounted for 30 per cent of the gross at the 1988 Keeneland Selected Sale and four more, Robert Sangster, Vincent O'Brien and two Americans, brought it up to 48 per cent. All this foreign buying sits oddly with America's crying need for good horses.

The picture was similar at the Saratoga yearling sales in August but domestic buyers were more in evidence at the lower-quality Fasig Tipton Sales, where figures were up on 1987. Mooney says: "One's more likely to earn $100,000 at the races with a $50,000 horse than to earn $2 million with one that costs $1 million to start with."

It cannot be said that everything is well with American racing, and perhaps the saddest thing, from the purist's point of view, is that it is so much part of the gambling business that at some tracks the horses hardly count.

But at least the industry is rich, partly because it is not dominated by bookmakers and partly because it is taken seriously by the state governments, and its finances are sensibly regulated by them.

However difficult it may be to compare racing in different societies, those two facts stand out.

SPORTS LETTERS

Conflicting approach to finance of racing

From Mr Richard Holt, MP for Langbaurgh (Conservative)

Sir, As a member of the All Party Parliamentary Racing and Bloodstock Industries Committee I was astonished that my colleague, the chairman, Sir Charles Morrison, would write an article (February 1), which most definitely does not reflect the opinion of the committee as a whole.

Sir Charles advocates an increase in the levy for next year, quite properly pointing out that there are differing points of view. However, he has fallen into the trap, clearly set by Parliament in the 1960 Act, of trying to establish the levy as a percentage of turnover — which would be a tax.

The All Party Committee has written to the Home Secretary, presently seeking to resolve the current dispute between the interests of racing, punters and the bookmakers. The Committee has not made a recommendation on whether the levy should increase (or decrease) or by how much.

The All Party Committee also reported to Mr Hurd that it had met with representatives of the Levy Board, the Bookmakers' Committee and the Horserace Advisory Council. Before meeting the bookmakers' representatives, the mood of the All Party Committee was to "take a robust stand with the bookmakers" and the fact that such a stand was not taken might accurately be interpreted as indicating that many of the members present were impressed by their case.

Another point made by the All Party Committee was that as the dispute between the Levy Board and the Bookmakers' Committee is over no more than £2.3 million, the two sides should have reached agreement and the Home Secretary should not have been bothered.

The Bookmakers' Committee has recommended a levy scheme which will raise a minimum of £31.7 million and which will probably yield the £34 million the Board wants. This Committee has a record of being accurate with its forecasts and I believe its recommendation should have been accepted.

I remain,
Yours faithfully,
RICHARD HOLT,
House of Commons.

From the Chairman of Mecca Bookmakers Ltd and The William Hill Organisation

Sir, What an extraordinary letter from the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club (January 26).

He seems to request that facts and statistics should be ignored, simply because they run counter to his argument. He says it is "entirely reasonable that they [bookmakers] should pay a realistic commercial price for . . . race meetings". Although the Royal Commission found otherwise, let us assume that we should.

In that case, what is a commercial price? On average, the off-course betting industry earns a profit on horse racing of around 3 per cent of turnover, before interest and corporation tax. After these two items, the bookmakers' profit comes down to 1.6 per cent. Depending upon the scheme agreed for any levy period, the Levy Board gets a sum of money that is equivalent to over 0.8 per cent of turnover i.e. equal to more than 50 per cent of the bookmakers' post-tax profit. How reasonable do we have to get?

In his last annual report the Senior Steward said that racing was in an "exceptionally healthy state". A few months later, he writes to you saying: "The sport is now seriously underfunded". If this is the case, why is the Levy Board sitting on millions of pounds of surplus revenue?

Finally, he expresses gratitude for the wide support the Jockey Club's case has received from the racing industry and the public. The bulk of racing's revenue comes from the licensed betting office proprietor and his customers. I have yet to meet one bookmaker or, even more important, one single punter who supports Lord Fairhaven's case.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. GREEN,
Chairman,
Mecca Bookmakers Ltd and The William Hill Organisation,
306 Seven Sisters Road, N4.

Time for rugby reappraisal

From Mr Raiph W. F. Sampson

Sir, The French referee, G. Maurette, in charge of the England v Scotland rugby international has been described by most rugby writers as inept. The two captains say that they did not understand many of his decisions which resulted in penalty awards.

One BBC commentator observed that the way the referee played, it denied the game any flow.

The conclusion must be that there are loopholes in the laws which allow varying interpretations by different referees.

For the good of the game and the reputation of referees the time has surely arrived for a close reappraisal of the laws and hopefully with at least one senior referee from each rugby-playing country involved.

Yours sincerely,
RAIPH W. F. SAMPSON,
Dinnet,
Haselmere Road,
Kilmacolm,
Renfrewshire.

From Mr John Whiteside

Sir, There must be hundreds of us ex-school goal kickers from the Fifties and Sixties who cannot understand the failure of our international kickers.

Weighing around 10 stone we would be disappointed not to put the ball over anywhere once inside our opponent's 10-yard line. If conditions made attempts unreasonable then it was an attacking short penalty.

Have the goal dimensions been reduced since the Sixties? The real answer, of course, is that soft boots have led to round-the-corner kicking. This is like shooting with a bent rifle; you cannot sight the target, only judge it. With our toe caps we kicked straight on and provided boot and ball were dried, it had to go.

If we cannot get back to "proper kicking" why not change the penalty kick to a free pass? We might just see some running rugby. It will also save hundreds of old kickers from squirming in their armchairs.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WHITESIDE,
24 Fircroft Avenue,
Lancing,
West Sussex.

From Mr Charles Halliday

Sir, "It's a game", said the England rugby captain after the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham last Saturday. True, but in that case why go to all the trouble and expense of taking the team abroad for training if the result is going to hang on place-kicking, which England did very poorly?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES HALLIDAY,
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Musselburgh,
Midlothian.

Wimbledon chances improve

From the Chief Executive of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club

Sir, I would like to respond to those who have written recently concerning a change in the conditions of the public ballot this year, in particular Mr Graham G. Burns (January 26), who says that he finds this change insulting.

I can assure both Mr Burns and all your other readers that the club has had no intention of insulting anyone — what we are attempting to do is to eliminate unscrupulous individuals who take advantage of the system for their own personal gain to the detriment of those applicants who are genuinely interested in watching tennis at Wimbledon.

A combined public ballot for centre court and No. 1 court seat tickets has been held annually for many years. Any individual from Britain or abroad is entitled to apply for tickets through this system, and many thousands of applications are received each year.

In recent years it has become all too clear that a considerable number of people apply for the ballot only in the hope of selling the tickets and not with the intention of using them themselves.

It is also evident that the traditional ballot system of one application per person was being abused; it was not unusual for us to receive applications from Mr A to Z Smith — all 26 of whom resided at the same address. In fact, it was quite amazing to see how many people on average lived at a single address.

Commercial organizations were also flooding the ballot with multiple applications.

For the first time this year, in an attempt to make it harder for people to abuse the system, we have introduced a restriction on ballot applicants of one per household, address or company.

This increases the chances of success for a genuine applicant considerably, because, through eliminating multiple applications, the total number has been substantially reduced.

I am afraid that as long as people who claim to be genuine tennis lovers continue to apply for tickets and to sell them to the highest bidder, and as long as touting remains a legal activity in this country, there is very little more that Wimbledon can do.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER GORRINGE,
Chief Executive,
The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club,
Church Road,
Wimbledon, SW19

Football problems

From Mr Bill Swallow

Sir, One could have fired a gun at random on Sir Neil Macfarlane's End Column (January 31) and been reasonably sure of hitting something.

My wife and I both began supporting a league football team over 30 years ago. My daughter, who is 18, has so far watched that team play for 16 years. Only once have we felt disinclined to attend a match because of possible aggression.

Sir Neil tells us that it is "the game" that has inflicted death on innocent families. That is as simplistic as blaming the Ford Motor company for drink-driving accidents. One hesitates to invoke a national tragedy in support of an argument, but the greatest single cause of football-related deaths in recent years was actually the Bradford fire, and if Sir Neil looks at the details of those who died there he will see sad evidence that football grounds are not entirely populated by lager louts.

Lager louts might be a pest, but they are not, as Sir Neil admits, restricted to football grounds. I am reminded of a paragraph in my local paper last year which reported an outbreak of football hooliganism at a game. It was a game of cricket.

This is hardly the place for tap-room psychology, but hooliganism is surely just one aspect of what used to be called anti-social behaviour. At its mildest such behaviour is dropping litter; at its worst it is killing people. (Some observers might include yuppyism in the list, but this is not the place for politics either, in spite of Sir Neil's passing attempt to blame Mr Wilson for modern violence.)

Sir Neil also announces that violence is the main reason for casual supporters staying away from football matches. Untrue: changing social habits and alternative leisure activities — including DIY by owner-occupiers — are generally accepted as the main reason for the decline in attendances. Poor football might be another reason, although attendances have in fact risen recently.

What would Sir Neil offer as the main reason for the decline in attendances at bingo halls and cricket matches?

Secondly, he tells us that Luton's membership scheme has been successful. Successful, at what? Attendances at Kenilworth Road have dropped seriously since the club's scheme was introduced.

Perhaps Sir Neil means that the Luton scheme has been successful in reducing football-related arrests in the town. I have no doubt that it has.

Similarly, he could successfully combat drunkenness by penalizing all publicans and solve the mugging problem by licensing old ladies.

On the other hand, controlling culprits by limiting the liberty of their victims can never be a legitimate approach to law and order. Sir Neil would doubtless disagree.

Yours,
BILL SWALLOW,
The Cottage, Off South Avenue,
Hurstpierpoint,
Hassocks, Sussex

From Mr Mark T. Jones

Sir, The problems associated with football were rather accurately described as long ago as 1583 by Philip Stubbes in his pamphlet, "Anatomie of Abuses".

"Footeball . . . causeth fighting, brawling, contention, quarrel picking, murder, homicide and great effusion of bloode, as daily experience teacheth."

Perhaps if in Tudor times Sir Francis Walsingham had introduced identity cards our footballing history would have been quite different. I am certain that Elizabeth I's Chief Minister, Lord Burghley, would have known exactly what to do with uncooperative club chairmen.

Yours sincerely,
MARK T. JONES,
Head of History,
Dumpton School,
Deans Grove House,
Wimborne, Dorset.

S African changes

From Mr Jon Salisbury

Sir, Should *Times* readers doubt the authenticity of Reg Salisbury's claims on prevailing conditions in South Africa (January 26), rebuffed by John Nash's letter (February 2) as outmoded, may I refer them to the twin articles on page 6 of the same paper which confirm the widening gap between black and white, rich and poor, as well as the rent furore in Mayfair West over changes in the Group Areas Act.

Incidentally, Reg Salisbury, my father, was in Botswana and South Africa up to five months ago and therefore has some idea of change within South Africa, as confirmed by your own correspondents.

Yours faithfully,
JON SALISBURY,
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West Bridgford,
Nottingham.

Dramatic effect

From Mr D. H. Sharp

Sir, Recent correspondents — Mr Frank Hart (January 5) and Mr Ronald Gourdie (January 19) — have been right to draw attention to the unwarranted cosseting of the goalkeeper in modern soccer.

But would not the problem be solved — and the game opened up considerably — if defensive passing back to the goalkeeper were to be banned? If a corner kick were to be awarded if the goalkeeper handled the ball after last being played by a player on his own side, surely the effect would be dramatic.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. SHARP,
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Shoreham Road,
Otford,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.

Lowering the tone

From Mr Geoffrey Mason

Sir, A Birmingham football commentator recently spoke most anxiously about "players struggling to stay in the dominant". Performing in the sub-dominant fidgeted lowers the tone and encourages cacophonous sounds off the pitch, and I should like to offer a leading note: managers in this position have a clear duty to give the lads a keynote speech when they come stumbling in for a rejuvenating tonic in the interval. Thinking of Birmingham this must surely rattle the opposition.

Yours sincerely,
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Much Marcle,
Herefordshire.

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Phoenix Gold to extend sequence

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

While conceding that opposing horses trained by Martin Pipe has proved pretty costly this season, I do so today at Huntingdon when going nap on **Phoenix Gold** to beat Wingspan in the Croxton Novices' Chase.

When fielding against the prolific Somerset stable it is certainly necessary to side with a contender from another in-form stable.

In this instance the horse of my choice is trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald, whose Malton yard is in great form at present. Also, Fitzgerald and his jockey Mark Dwyer won the corresponding race 12 months ago with *Danish Flight*.

My reason for preferring Phoenix Gold to Wingspan stems from the belief that he looks the more natural steeplechaser.

Fitzgerald has always had a high opinion of Phoenix Gold, even though a variety of niggling problems prevented him from getting his chaser on to the track for nearly three years.

Indeed, it was that regard that finally persuaded connexions to withdraw him from the much more valuable West of Scotland Pattern Novices Chase at Ayr 13 days ago after the conditions had deteriorated.

Well that Wingspan won when making his successful chasing debut at Lingfield Park a week ago, he still failed to convince me that he would beat a horse of Phoenix Gold's class jumping fences.

For my nap looked a natural when winning at Newcastle and Catterick Bridge as indeed one might expect of a horse by Precipice Wood out of a mare by Vulgan.

Yet to paint this as a two-horse race would be wrong. Hamper, It's A Pry, Random Charge and Yale are all younger horses with considerable ability, Yale particularly so.

But I still expect Phoenix Gold to continue to make up for lost time.

No matter how Wingspan fares, **Rolling Ball** can keep the Pipe-Scudamore flag flying at full mast by capturing the Sidney Banks Memorial Novices' Hurdle.

Not since the days of 1976, when Grand Canyon won the inaugural running, have we seen such a promising horse taking part, not even when it was won by Angelo Salvini and Nick The Brief.

Before being bought by Pipe on the recommendation of his jockey in France Rolling Ball had won three times over hurdles there, one of those being a dead-heat at Auteuil with none other than his present stable companion Rusch De Farges.

When he made his English debut at Haydock last month, Rolling Ball won in the style that we have now come to expect of a Pipe horse — by 30 lengths in spite of some indifferent jumping after making all the running.

Vagog (1.30), who was claimed for £10,000 after winning at Towcester a week ago, can give his new owner a quick return by winning the first race, while **Rambling Song**, my selection for the Whittlesey Handicap Chase, goes unpenalized for capturing a race confined to conditional jockeys at Windsor eight days ago.

At Wincanton, I expect John Edwards's useful six-year-old **Parsons Law** to collect the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices Hurdle Qualifier.

Summons best

Josh Gifford's SUMMONS, ridden by Alexandra Embiricos, can beat *Half Free* and *West Tip* in the Major Charles Townsend Memorial Hunters' Chase at Huntingdon today (Brian Beel writes). Henrietta Knight can collect the Dick Woodhouse Hunters' Chase at Wincanton with *CURAHEEN BOY*.

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Vagog.
2.00 Rambling Song.
2.30 Rolling Ball.
3.00 PHOENIX GOLD (nap).
3.30 Half Free.
4.00 Avec Coeur.

By Michael Seely
2.30 Rolling Ball. 3.00 PHOENIX GOLD (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 VAGOG.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.30 Summons.

Going: good (chase course); good with soft patches (hurdles)

1.30 GLATTON CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,814: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

1 0-41064 PRINCE SATIRE 21 (S) (Britannic Travel Ltd) R Akehurst 6-12-2 ... Dale McKeown 82
2 00-064 NO WAY BWANA 38 (B) (Mrs L Kilroe) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-12 ... M Dwyer 73
3 120311 VAGOG 7 (B,S) (A Reid) R Champion 4-11-9 ... S Smith Eccles ● 99
4 U22640 GO SOUTH 14 (B) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 5-11-8 ... S Sherwood 82
5 003-00P FISHING SMACK 33 (S) (B Byford) B Byford 6-11-7 ... Mr T Moore —
6 0RF-P ROSIE'S JUMPER 120 (Ros Racing Ltd) G Ros 6-11-4 ... P McDermott (7) —
7 0-0PP SHAMUS O'RAPIDY 52 (F Starr) R Bennett 6-11-4 ... D Gallagher —
8 004-P0P WILL RAINE 28 (Mrs J Young) C Sparks 5-11-4 ... J McLaughlin —
9 360085 KINGSWOOD RESOPAL 24 (F) (A Ward) A Moore 5-11-2 ... G Moore 75
10 U0-PP62 CHARLTON KINGS 16 (C,BF,F,G) (D Bottomley) F Jordan 6-11-0 ... C Smith 80
11 240210 FORT WAPPING 18 (B,D,S) (J Danver) A Moore 5-11-0 ... Candy Morris 78
12 0/4-BP06 HURRICANE HENRY 10 (V,F,S) (Mrs R Fuller) J Bennett 6-10-12 ... S Earle —
13 6014 SENOJOJ 13 (S) (N Jones) G Balding 4-10-9 ... R Guest 74

BETTING: 7-4 Vagog, 7-2 Go South, 9-2 Fort Wapping, 6-1 Senojoj, 10-1 Charlton Kings, 12-1 Prince Satire, No Way Bwana, 14-1 others.

1988: GOLDEN JUNE 6-11-0 N Coleman (16-1) D C Tucker 19 ran

FORM VAGOG landed the odds with a comfortable 30l defeat of Cayman Queen in a similar event at Towcester (2m 5f 26yd, good to soft). Looks set to follow up today. GO SOUTH never really got into the race behind My Buddy at Taunton (2m 1f, good to soft); earlier ran on well behind Peelis at Plumpton (2m, soft) and is likely to appreciate the step up in distance here. PRINCE SATIRE won a novice handicap event at Lingfield (2m, good to soft) in December and put up best effort since when a 9¼l 4th to Prairie Oyster on same course (2m 4f, soft) last month. Best efforts on soft ground, KINGSWOOD RESOPAL won three times last season but has failed to show this term; latest 25l 5th to Daunting Prospect in a seller at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to soft).
FORT WAPPING beat Daunting Prospect by 3l in a Plumpton (2m 4f, soft) seller last month and is weighted to finish ahead of KINGSWOOD RESOPAL on that run. Has since been well beaten in better company at Kempton (2m 4f, good)
Selection: VAGOG

2.0 WHITTLESEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,385: 3m) (8 runners)

1 1211P-F BEAU DEREK 8 (C,G,S) (W Spink) T Barron 9-12-0 ... S Sherwood 86
2 501145 ACE OF SPIES 12 (CD,F,S) (A Jacobs) Mrs G Jones 8-11-13 ... P Scudamore 95
3 500041 GEE-A 14 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 10-11-11 ... U Smyth (4) ● 99
4 SUF215- LAID BACK 283 (D,G,S) (J Evans) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-11 ... M Dwyer 84
5 06-0DU2 BOBBY KELLY 17 (D,S) (Save & Prosper) D Nicholson 7-11-1 ... Princess Royal 97
6 2-25321 ZUKO 14 (CD,S) (S Powell) S Mellor 8-11-0 ... G Charles-Jones 89
7 U01R/1-U GENERAL CHRYSON 8 (CD,S) (M Peratticos) J Gifford 9-10-12 ... Peter Hobbs 88
8 3F4-241 RAMBLING SONG 8 (G,S) (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 9-10-12 ... H Davies 98

BETTING: 11-4 Rambling Song, 7-2 Zuko, 9-2 Bobby Kelly, 6-1 General Chryson, 8-1 Gee A, 12-1 Ace Of Spies, 14-1 others.

1988: BALLY-GO 11-11-10 M Dwyer (3-1 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10 ran

FORM RAMBLING SONG steps up in distance after comfortably accounting for Shannnagary by 12l with GENERAL CHRYSON a first fence faller at Windsor (2m 5f, good). Runs off a very favourable mark here and can follow up. ZUKO won over course and distance (good to soft) last month beating Tenniores by 4l. Should again give a good account.
GEE-A landed a gamble when making most of the running to beat Solar Cloud by 3l here (2m 4f, good to soft) last month. Seeking his fifth victory on this course. BOBBY KELLY, three times a winner in Ireland last term, got within ½l of Charter Hardware (pair clear) at Leicester (3m, good to soft) last month. Sunbeam Talbot, who finished 3rd, gave that form a boost when successful earlier this week.
GENERAL CHRYSON successful on only start last season when winning over 3m by a sh hd from Coughlans Run (gave 12lb) at Chepstow (good to soft). ACE OF SPIES, a course and distance winner already this term, finished a distant 6th to Proverity in a valuable event at Doncaster (3m 122yd, good to firm) last time.
Selection: RAMBLING SONG (nap)

2.30 SIDNEY BANKS MEMORIAL NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £5,959: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1 1 ROLLING BALL 30 (S) (Mrs H Clarke) M Pipe 6-11-12 ... P Scudamore ● 99
2 64 KAYUDEE 26 (Kenton Utilities & Developments Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-4 ... M Dwyer 70
3 00RF11 MINERAL DUST 14 (CD,G,S) (M Groom) Mrs G Jones 5-11-4 ... P Dever 72
4 2F21 PATRICO 38 (D,F,S) (P Idris) O Sherwood 6-11-4 ... S Sherwood 77
5 54066-5 ARDASHIR 120 (I Forbes) H Collingridge 5-11-2 ... S Woods (4) 63
6 00-P BURROMARINER 52 (E Burroughes) Mrs E Heath 5-11-2 ... S Keightley —
7 3221 CELTIC BARLE 41 (G) (Mrs I Hodge) T Casey 5-11-2 ... M Lynch 77
8 52 BRABAZON 9 (P Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 4-10-5 ... S Smith Eccles 75

BETTING: 4-6 Rolling Ball, 4-1 Patrico, 13-2 Mineral Dust, 9-1 Celtic Barle, 10-1 Kayudee, 14-1 others.

1988: NICK THE BRIEF 6-11-4 E Buckley (9-2) T Casey 16 ran

FORM ROLLING BALL, successful three times over hurdles in France, made all when thrashing his rivals on heavy ground on his English debut at Haydock (2m 6f) last month. His trainer has an excellent record at this track and cannot be opposed. PATRICO landed the odds when beating Deblins' Double by 10l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm) in January. Looks the one for the forecast.
CELTIC BARLE easily accounted for Saint Supreme (2m 3f, Hereford) in December. Faces much stiffer opposition today. BRABAZON was not disgraced when a 20l 2nd to the useful Tal-Echo at Leicester (2m 4f, soft) last week but looks up against it here.
KAYUDEE was beaten just over 19l by Pertemps Network at Ascot (2m 4f, good) last month and will need to step up significantly on that run to make the frame today.
Selection: ROLLING BALL

3.0 CROXTON NOVICES CHASE (£1,553: 2m 200yds) (12 runners)

1 11 PHOENIX GOLD 19 (D,F,G,S) (Phoenix Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-12-2 ... M Dwyer ● 99
2 2130/ BALDASARE 692 (S) (B McMath) B McMath 11-11-2 ... S Woods (4) —
3 1-0350F HAMPER 8 (G) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs —
4 F4-1500 IT'S A PRY 54 (G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 8-11-2 ... Mr P Harding-Jones (4) —
5 1415/ KNOCKERRA 874 (G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 9-11-2 ... U Smyth (4) —
6 P022/P NEW ROMNEY 78 (R E A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) B McMath 8-11-2 ... — —
7 023F05 RANDOM CHARGE 20 (P De Wilde) A Turnell 8-11-2 ... I Lawrence (7) 79
8 U-P3056 THE COBALT UNIT 40 (B Byford) B Byford 10-11-2 ... M T Moore —
9 53/2414- YALE 383 (S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 7-11-2 ... C O'Dwyer —
10 11150-1 WINGSPAN 7 (D,G,S) (S Price) M Pipe 5-11-0 ... P Scudamore 98
11 90-6402 HIGH RIVER 15 (G,S) (F Lees) B Morgan 7-10-11 ... D Shaw 86
12 364F0-P SINDUR 12 (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 6-10-11 ... H Davies —

BETTING: 5-4 Phoenix Gold, 13-8 Wingspan, 7-1 Yale, 10-1 Random Charge, 16-1 High River, 20-1 others.

1988: DANISH FLIGHT 9-12-2 M Dwyer (4-6 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 15 ran

FORM PHOENIX GOLD looks a smart chaser in the making, winning both starts to date; beat Randolph Place by 1l on his first outing for four seasons and followed up with a 12l beating of Masnoon at Catterick (2m, good to firm) last month. Sure to give a good account of himself, but concedes a lot of weight to his rivals. HAMPER produced best effort this term when 3l 3rd to Sheer Nectar at Worcester (2m 2f, good to firm) over hurdles. Held every chance when falling at the 10th on chasing bow behind Skylark Wonder at Windsor (2m 40yd, good) last time.
RANDOM CHARGE ran his best race over fences when a valiant 10l runner-up to Pharoah's Laen at Wincanton (2m 5f, good) back in October. Not a bad effort when 12l 4th to Celtic Flame at Kempton (2m 4f, good) last time, but needs to improve his jumping to progress further. WINGSPAN was a smart juvenile hurdler last term, finishing creditable 5th to Kribensis in the Triumph Hurdle. Made promising chasing bow at Lingfield (2m, soft) on seasonal bow, beating Hope Diamond 12l.
HIGH RIVER showed improved form for this term on chasing bow when beaten ¾l by Rymer King at Wolverhampton (2m, good) last month.
Selection: WINGSPAN

3.30 MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,142: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 4P0123- FEARLESS IMP 283 (G,S) (J Truman) J Truman 14-12-9 ... Mrs K Hills (7) 59
2 36PF0-U KINGSWOOD KITCHENS 6 (B,F,G) (Mrs E Ludlow) Mrs E Ludlow 9-12-9 ... P Clarke (7) 51
3 461UP-0 PARISH RIGGED 5 (B,D,F,S) (D Bloor) D Bloor 11-12-9 ... A Beasley (7) 53
4 2003P0- RIVER RHEIN 391 (C,F,G,S) (A Reason) B McMath 12-12-9 ... T Grantham 50
5 204P56- SUMMONS 272 (D,F,G,S) (Miss A Embiricos) J Gifford 10-12-9 ... Miss A Embiricos (7) 90
6 223513/ HALF FREE 659 (D,F,G,S) (C Farrell) C Brooks 13-12-5 ... C Farrell (7) —
7 4/42F15 YOUGHAL 250 (F,G,S) (J Greenall) J Greenall 13-12-5 ... — 69
8 45/4P4- MARK'S METHANE 255 (F,G) (Mrs A Campbell) Mrs A Campbell 15-12-0 ... P Hacking (4) —
9 410/33- MESMERIST 266 (G) (A Lee-Smith) A Lee-Smith 16-12-0 ... Miss A Parker (7) 56
10 REGAL PLEASURE 1024 (Mrs L Rudd) Mrs L Rudd 11-12-0 ... — —
11 36445P/ WASSEM 626 (F) (Mrs J Downing) T Rollingson 8-12-0 ... — —
12 033043- WEST TIP 295 (D,F,G,S) (P Luff) M Oliver 12-12-0 ... M Armytage ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Half Free, 2-1 West Tip, 8-1 Summons, 14-1 Marks Methane, 16-1 Youghal, 20-1 others.

1988: CERTAIN LIGHT 10-12-5 Mr P Hacking (8-1) Mrs A Campbell 13 ran

FORM FEARLESS IMP is still capable of fair form over fences and landed a handicap event at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, soft) by 1l from Snitterfield last term. RIVER RHEIN produced his best effort last term when 1l 2nd to Skylander at Chepstow (2m, good to firm). Takes a strong hold and is probably at his best over 2m.
SUMMONS, useful chaser, goes well when fresh and finished a good 2½l 2nd to Music Be Magic at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft) on his seasonal bow last year. Does not find a lot under pressure. HALF FREE winner of the Mackeson in 1984 and 1985 is still a genuine sort who jumps well. A 1l winner from Western Sunset at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft) on his penultimate start under Rules, he looks the one to beat here.
YOUGHAL returned to form with a 12l win at Southwell (3m 110yd, firm) in May after a season interrupted by a fall at Beechers. Tends to need at least one race to come to hand. WEST TIP the National winner in 1986 and also finished 4th in the last two runnings. Will find this trip too short.
Selection: HALF FREE

4.0 LONG STANTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)

1 5-164PU PEARLY KING 7 (CD,G,S) (W Smith) G Kindersley 6-11-10 ... M Lynch 97
2 1404-00 CHATANOOGACHOOCHOO 45 (D,G,S) (B Snape) Mrs H Parrott 6-11-1 ... W Humphreys (4) 98
3 180314 OPERATIC SCORE 8 (D,BF,G) (Mrs B Tuckwell) J Jenkins 5-11-0 ... S Sherwood 95
4 02-000P DUAL CAPACITY 19 (D,G) (A Field) W Musson 5-10-12 ... S Keightley —
5 P46000 STRAY SHOT 19 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 11-10-12 ... C O'Dwyer 93
6 1-00461 MUBDI 17 (D,F,G) (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 5-10-9 ... G McCourt 94
7 6-3303 LOTS OF LUCK 12 (R Patrick) J Pearce 5-10-8 ... J McLaughlin 90
8 0420-60 COLONEL POPSKI 65 (D,F,S) (C Kirchin) Miss A King 7-10-7 ... W Hayes (4) 93
9 3/1-21 AVEC COEUR 7 (D,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 7-10-6 ... D Murphy ● 99
10 40-6006 PRINCESS SEMELE 89 (D,F,S) (Kelmac Developments Ltd) J Bukovets 5-10-4 ... J D Doyle 94

BETTING: 7-4 Avec Coeur, 3-1 Mubdi, 9-2 Operatic Score, 7-1 Lots Of Luck, 10-1 Pearly King, 12-1 others.

1988: REGAL CASTLE 5-12-0 J Osborne (9-2) N Henderson 17 ran

FORM OPERATIC SCORE was held up until the last when landing a 5l success from Squadron at Windsor (2m 30yd, good) on his penultimate start. Sent out to make on all on his return to that course early this month, but was headed at the 2nd last. Appears unsuited by very soft conditions underfoot. MUBDI was kept busy throughout January and opened his account for the season with a 2½l beating of Palmrush at Edinburgh (2m, good) last time.
LOTS OF LUCK has missed the frame only once this season. Finished 6½l 3rd to Eliast at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft) on her latest appearance and would probably have got closer but for some bumping on the run-in. AVEC COEUR finished 8l 2nd to Jim Bowie at Folkestone (2m 6f, heavy) and 30l clear of the field on seasonal bow; latest won a seller by 4l from Ragtime Solo at Lingfield (2m, soft).
Selection: OPERATIC SCORE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	3	6	50.0
J Fitzgerald	10	32	31.3
G Balding	12	53	22.6
O Sherwood	10	47	21.3
J Gifford	22	107	20.6
G Hubbard	10	79	12.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mr P Hacking	4	5	80.0
M Dwyer	10	29	34.5
S Smith Eccles	18	76	23.7
C Smith	3	13	23.1
P Scudamore	9	44	20.5
Mr T Grantham	3	15	20.0

WINCANTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Milton Burn.
1.45 Ghofar.
2.15 Parsons Law.
2.45 Paddyboro.
3.15 Curaheen Boy.
3.45 Yozzer Hughes.
4.15 Red Timber.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Curaheen Boy.
Brian Beel's selection: 3.15 Curaheen Boy.

Going: good to firm

1.15 BOURTON NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,268: 2m) (17 runners)

1 435550 CASH CRISIS 14 (D,F) (C Strawbridge) A Barrow 9-12-0 ... W Irvine (4) 86
2 F CAME DOWN 28 (28) (Major N Martin) N Mitchell 6-12-0 ... Mr T Mitchell (7) —
3 062P00 ZABARUCCI 13 (B) (Whitcombe Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 7-11-8 ... Mr G Upton (4) 82
4 5F-000U UNCLE ELI 12 (R Tory) D Nicholson 6-11-5 ... R Dunwoody 89
5 0-1F6FB PHARAOH BLUE 8 (D,F) (A Cleeve) D R Tucker 5-11-0 ... M FitzGerald (7) 92
6 060-444 MILTON BURN 19 (A Richards) H O'Neill 8-10-13 ... G McCourt 89
7 040-0 OUT OF STOCK 12 (Mrs M Fairbairn) J White 6-10-13 ... K Burke 90
8 464024 TROJAN SONG 21 (F Gorman) F Gorman 5-10-9 ... P Johnson (7) 89
9 600 DOODLIN 22 (C Wacker III) S Christian 5-10-9 ... J Osborne —
10 6012U3 SHEER ELATION 16 (D,G) (S Howe) G Balding 5-10-8 ... W McFarland (7) 88
11 0000-00 OUT YONDER 33 (W Wightman) W Wightman 6-10-5 ... M Richards —
12 0-PF5PU RED FESCUE 14 (F) (J Plaistowe) J Bridger 7-10-2 ... Rachel Bridger (7) ● 99
13 P0-0P00 SOLENT KNIGHT 38 (R Robinson) R Robinson 5-10-2 ... D Skyrme (7) —
14 0P-P60F BARRY DOCKS 28 (Miss G Jones) L Cottrell 5-10-1 ... R Millman —
15 P00-00 THE FARMERSKITCHEN 19 (D O'Neill) O O'Neill 7-10-0 ... V Slattery (7) —
16 04-0 TEARFUL REUNION 124 (Mrs M James) Mrs M James 5-10-0 ... J White —
17 5PP04-6 VANISHING BOY 133 (J Browne) F Hollis 7-10-0 ... — —

Long handicap: Tearful Reunion 9-13, Vanishing Boy 9-13.

BETTING: 9-2 Milton Burn, 5-1 Trojan Song, 6-1 Out of Stock, Sheer Elation, 8-1 Cash Crisis, Pharaoh Blue, Zabarucci, 10-1 others.

1988: MEETING ABANDONED - WATERLOGGED COURSE

1.45 WINCANTON CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES CHASE (£1,883: 3m 1f) (15 runners)

1 055012 GHOFAR 19 (B,G,S) (Sir Hugh Dundas) D Elsworth 6-11-10 ... B Powell ● 99
2 UP-F51F WONT BE GONE LONG 20 (G) (R Waley-Cohen) N Henderson 7-11-10 ... M Bowlby 78
3 F364P2 BALITO 13 (B,G) (J Richards) D Barons 8-11-2 ... P Nicholls 81
4 P BEN LOMOND 15 (Mrs S Goldblatt) K Bailey 7-11-2 ... R Beggan —
5 P0/62-45 CROIX DE GUERRE 15 (G,S) (J Shaw) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 ... M Pitman 77
6 P6P-323 DAMERS CAVALRY 15 (Mrs L Lewis) R Lee 6-11-2 ... S Earle 90
7 206300- FLYING GOD 255 (J Warren) J Baker 9-11-2 ... M Williams —
8 F2PUUU KUWAIT STAR 3 (Mrs N De Savary) N Thomson 6-11-2 ... — —
9 004-P5P PIRATES PUNCH 8 (G Maundrell) G Maundrell 10-11-2 ... Mr G Maundrell 72
10 56P23 RANDOLPH CRESCENT 17 (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 6-11-2 ... R Dunwoody 84
11 48/0PP-P REDDOWN 7 (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 11-11-2 ... R Stronge —
12 P0PP-FP SAMBRIDGE 41 (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 7-11-2 ... Mr G Upton (4) —
13 UP06P UPSTANDING 19 (Miss L Davis) N Davis 7-11-2 ... — —
14 3-FFPP0 WILD DEAL 13 (B Akerman) W Fisher 8-11-2 ... D Tegg 71
15 0/P- EMMA PEPPER 488 (Mrs M Best) K Bishop 7-10-11 ... P Richards —

BETTING: 11-8 Ghofar, 5-1 Randolph Crescent, 6-1 Balito, Damers Cavalry, 10-1 Ben Lomond, Croix De Guerre, 14-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	14	59	23.7
Mrs M Rimell	5	22	22.7
D Elsworth	22	109	20.2
M Pipe	14	72	19.4
J Gifford	7	35	17.9
S Christian	6	36	16.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pitman	7	24	29.2
G Bradley	6	29	20.7
R Rowe	7	34	20.6
G McCourt	7	40	17.5
B de Haan	8	46	17.4
R Beggan	4	25	16.0

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2.15 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,268: 2m 6f) (23 runners)

1 52-112B PARSONS LAW 44 (G) (P Brooks) J Edwards 6-11-7 ... T Morgan 89
2 00-F313 BIT OF A CHANCE 23 (G) (R Yates) R Lee 5-11-0 ... T Wall ● 99
3 0602 AIR STREAK 30 (J Philips) A J Wilson 5-10-7 ... A Webb 84
4 404 ANGEL'S DREAM 24 (M Burley) K Bailey 5-10-7 ... R Beggan 79
5 P BLADEY LADY 7 (P Rodford) P Rodford 8-10-7 ... Mr C Maude (7) —
6 0-B0228 BOOK TOKEN 15 (R Healy-Fenton) D Nicholson 6-10-7 ... R Dunwoody 94
7 0-0PP0 BROWN LEA 30 (Mrs A Lawe) Mrs S Armytage 6-10-7 ... Gee Armytage —
8 01-0P3 CADFORD GIRL 14 (S) (P Coombes) T Bulgin 5-10-7 ... B de Haan 82
9 00P-2 COUNTRY DIARY 24 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 5-10-7 ... G McCourt 90
10 DANDY POLL (R Whittle) P Cundell 6-10-7 ... R Stronge —
11 402F40 FRANS GIRL 12 (M Lee) R Holder 8-10-7 ... N Coleman 83
12 PF GAMBLINGWAY 38 (M Searle) J Baker 8-10-7 ... B Powell —
13 1F5-P04 GRAFTON MAISEY 10 (S) (A Mason) A Mason 10-10-7 ... Lorna Vincent 89
14 50-0 GUNNER'S FLIGHT 35 (B) (G Tory) D Elsworth 5-10-7 ... R Arnott —
15 P G W SUPERSTAR 59 (Great Western Developments Ltd) N Mitchell 6-10-7 ... D Skyrme (7) —
16 06 JUST ROSE 14 (Mrs D Jenks) M Pipe 5-10-7 ... J Lower —
17 P080/6- LAURA'S DREAM 301 (R Packer) P Rodford 8-10-7 ... P McLaughlin (7) —
18 R00P LAVAIR 154 (J Shears) J Shears 7-10-7 ... A Charlton (7) —
19 00 MOORE MILL 14 (A Dunn) A Dunn 6-10-7 ... D Hood (7) —
20 00 PAIR OF QUEENS 14 (C Bravery) C Bravery 6-10-7 ... R Rowe —
21 08 QUITE SHARP 45 (Mrs F Cameron) P Hobbs 5-10-7 ... P Richards —
22 U/0-0000 ROSE LANCASTER 36 (B) (M Griffin) T Hallett 6-10-7 ... D Morris —
23 SAILOR'S SHANTY (J Philips) K Bishop 6-10-7 ... S Earle —

BETTING: 3-1 Parsons Law, 4-1 Bit Of A Chance, 5-1 Country Diary, 6-1 Air Streak, Just Rose.

2.45 RACING IN WESSEX CHASE (£3,362: 2m 5f) (4 runners)

1 0-U3143 GOLDEN FRIEND 44 (C,F,G,S) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 11-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 96
2 212-331 PADDYBORO 12 (C,D,F,G,S) (Capt F Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 11-11-10 ... R Rowe ● 99
3 12/F33F KINGTOR 8 (D,G,S) (SPS Limited) D Barons 8-11-6 ... P Nicholls 58
4 405/334 BARTRES 33 (G,S) (Mrs D Bulk) D Murray Smith 10-11-2 ... G Bradley 97

BETTING: 11-10 Paddyboro, 7-4 Golden Friend, 4-1 Bartres, 25-1 Kingtor.

3.15 DICK WOODHOUSE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,408: 2m 5f) (17 runners)

1 31UP/51- HANKIR 292 (G) (Mrs E Mitchell) N Mitchell 9-12-7 ... T Mitchell (7) —
2 2/21128- SANBER 261 (C,F,G,S) (R Winslade) R Winslade 11-12-2 ... A Tory (7) ● 99
3 320-036 ARCHIE'S NEPHEW 165 (S) (R Barber) R Barber 8-12-0 ... Miss J Barrow (7) 79
4 SFP/P3- AREN'T WE ALL 272 (G Edwards) G Edwards 10-12-0 ... G Edwards (7) 71
5 P- BALLYMACWARD 272 (D Williams) D G Williams 12-12-0 ... Mrs J Gasit (7) —
6 4FP0P-5 BOOTHS BOY 190 (R Billing) R Billing 8-12-0 ... — —
7 U226/ BUCKHORN 990 (R Buckler) R Buckler 10-12-0 ... — —
8 212/ CURAHEEN BOY 626 (BF,F) (D N-Leyland) D Naylor-Leyland 9-12-0 ... D Naylor-Leyland —
9 1833/ DROMORE CASTLE 666 (D,BF,S) (R Waley-Cohen) R Waley-Cohen 9-12-0 ... N Ridout (7) —
10 0/F INDIAN TROOPER 112 (T Pocock) T Pocock 9-12-0 ... — —
11 30000/ LEVANTA LEE 7711 (H Braddick) H Braddick 11-12-0 ... — —
12 45P3/4 LUCKY FRIDAY 335 (G) (J W- Digby) J Wingfield Digby 14-12-0 ... J Wingfield Digby (7) 84
13 2/ MASTER MENDIP 826 (W Forwell) W Forwell 11-12-0 ... — —
14 052544- PRINCE RAMBORO 285 (G,S) (A Sadik) Mrs M Rimell 8-12-0 ... — 87
15 5/906P/ RAILWAY TRACK 687 (Mrs J Parsons) Mrs J Parsons 8-12-0 ... S West (7) —
16 05-2UFP TONGSUNIAN 121 (F,S) (J Shears) J Shears 12-12-0 ... — —
17 6/4P25P- GILLOGUE LOUGH 385 (J Sudd) J Saudd 8-11-9 ... — —

BETTING: Evens Curaheen Boy, 9-2 Sanber, 15-2 Prince Ramboro, 10-1 Hankir, 14-1 Archie's Nephew.

3.45 FOVANT NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,352: 2m) (21 runners)

1 0-51243 YOZZER HUGHES 22 (D) (S Purry) G Ham 11-3 ... S Mackay (7) 96
2 215P0 MARTINSMOON 7 (F) (G Watson) W G M Turner 10-12 ... S Hodgson (7) 98
3 ABBOTSHAM 212F (O Carter) O Carter 10-7 ... — —
4 P ALA AMRIK 13 (Mrs G Malone) R Callow 10-7 ... S Earle —
5 0 COOUL LAGE 16 (Miss A Bayliss) C Weedon 10-7 ... A Webb —
6 DONATE 283F (T McGovern) T McGovern 10-7 ... P Corrigan —
7 F FOUR STAR LINE 16 (F Smith) W G M Turner 10-7 ... R Dunwoody —
8 FROSTY RECEPTION 131F (P Power) J Baker 10-7 ... M Williams —
9 0PP GLAMGRAM'S BEST 12 (A Papotto) T Etherington 10-7 ... — 73
10 0P0 HEREWARD 13 (Kestrel Communications) H O'Neill 10-7 ... G McCourt —
11 342 IMPERIAL FLIGHT 22 (M Francis) M Francis 10-7 ... M Richards ● 99
12 305 OCCAMIST 13 (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 10-7 ... R Arnott 92
13 5 SUBMARINER 7 (J & D Contract Cleaners Ltd) J Bosley 10-7 ... M Bosley —
14 SUPER GUNNER 98F (R Moffatt) M Fetherston-Godley 10-7 ... R Beggan —
15 P BLONDE BELLA 42 (Miss I Ritchie) N Mitchell 10-2 ... N Coleman —
16 CARTOONESS 129F (Mrs M James) Mrs M James 10-2 ... J White —
17 00 INCREDIBLE LADY 41 (E Hayward) H O'Neill 10-2 ... C Llewellyn —
18 F LA GRACIOSA 6 (Mrs D Strauss) G Balding 10-2 ... S Foster (7) —
19 OH SUGAR ME 143F (Mrs H Ralton) D Elsworth 10-2 ... A McCabe (7) —
20 0 STRIKE A CHORD 22 (Miss G Dollar) Miss G Dollar 10-2 ... — —
21 0 YUAN PRINCESS 20 (D Roderick) D Roderick 10-2 ... G Davies —

BETTING: 7-2 Imperial Flight, 5-1 Yozzer Hughes, 13-2 Occamist, 8-1 Martinsmoon, 10-1 Super Gunner, 14-1 others.

4.15 GILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (11 runners)

1 620025 LEAVENWORTH 38 (D,G) (H O'Neill) H O'Neill 5-11-10 ... G McCourt 98
2 6-06085 GOODWYNS LAD 27 (D,S) (Mrs M Cornish) A Barrow 5-11-9 ... B Powell 96
3 511P-64 YANKEE SILVER 22 (D,G,S) (T King) G Gracey 8-11-4 ... R Beggan 92
4 005052 RED TIMBER 13 (D,F) (M West) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody ● 99
5 00-3PPP KELLYANN 8 (S) (R Kelly) W Fisher 6-10-11 ... D Tegg 90
6 033533- MCCALLUN 257 (D,F) (Miss L Williamson) P Rodford 5-10-10 ... M Williams 92
7 6/1400-P HIGHLAND CLIPPER 43 (D,S) (Miss A Whitfield) Miss A Whitfield 10-10-9 ... S McNeill 88
8 331036 BARRERA LAD 45 (D,F,G) (R Townsend) R Townsend 9-10-9 ... Mr D Townsend (7) 95
9 0/4430-4 RECOLLECT 14 (Mrs S Thorne) Miss J Thorne 7-10-8 ... N Dawe 98
10 PRUF-P0 PROSETT 24 (D,G,S) (A Gadd) A Gadd 11-10-0 ... J Osborne —
11 0P000/0- JIM BROWN 436 (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 8-10-0 ... Mr C Maude (7) —

Long handicap: Prosett 9-13, Jim Brown 9-6.

BETTING: 5-2 Red Timber, 4-1 Goodwyns Lad, 6-1 Yankee Silver, 15-2 Recollect, 10-1 Barrera Lad.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Eventual winner Proud Pilgrim (Mark Dwyer, right) and Ballyhane (Richard Rowe) locked together at the last fence in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase at Ascot

Proud Pilgrim puts Dwyer closer to spectacular treble

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Mark Dwyer landed the middle leg of a possible southern big-race treble for the North when driving Proud Pilgrim to a hard-earnt length defeat of Ballyhane in the Charterhouse Mercantile Chase at Ascot yesterday.

Due to partner the odds-on favourite, Vicario Di Bray, for Jonjo O'Neill in the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury on Saturday, Dwyer had ridden an inspired race on Special Vintage for Jimmy Fitzgerald at Sandown last weekend. And here again the Irish-born rider, who in any other season would have been attracting rave notices, excelled when winning Ascot's rich prize for the Malton trainer.

The man of the moment, record-breaking Peter Scudamore, sustained a nasty-looking fall when Bonanza Boy, the 3-1 favourite, came to grief at the 12th fence. He was a bit dazed and surrendered his only remaining mount, Swardean, to Brendan Powell. "I feel knackered, but I'm going to go home and put my feet up. I'm confident of being able to ride at Huntingdon tomorrow," said the jockey.

Fitzgerald had said earlier in the week that Proud Pilgrim was a well handicapped horse with a racing weight, but Dwyer had to survive mistakes at the fourth and third fences from home before forcing the 10-year-old up to challenge at the final jump.

Proud Pilgrim was bred by Sir Cecil Blacker and races in the colours of Lady Blacker and Lady Darling. "The owners wouldn't have liked me to have entered him in the National," said the trainer. "He'll go for the Greenall Whitley and then the Ritz Club at Cheltenham."

Ballyhane finished 10 lengths in front of the third horse, Yahoo, and Josh Gifford said: "That was a big improvement on Cheltenham and he'll still run in the Gold Cup."

The Grand National remains the target for Mr Frisk, who finished fifth. "He's a bit high in the weight now for a competitive three-miler," said Kim Bailey, "but he jumped well and will have one more run before Aintree."

By far and away the most exhilarating sight of a magnificent afternoon's racing was that of Sabin Du Loir exploding over his fences in the Daniel Homes Novices Chase to record the former staying hurdler's third victory over the larger obstacles.

Very reminiscent of Barnbrook Again, Sabin Du Loir is the best two-mile novice seen so far this term and should have the Arkle Challenge Trophy at his mercy, as long as his fluent style of jumping does not let him down on the undulation of Cheltenham.

Scudamore was in no doubt about the winner's high merit. "I've never sat on a better or quicker novice," he said.

This victory gave further evidence — if any is needed — of Martin Pipe's brilliance as a trainer. And it must never be forgotten how much Scudamore owes his present record to the seemingly endless stream of winners from Wellington.

"He'll have one more run in the Ainsley Cup Chase at Chepstow before Cheltenham," said the trainer. Confirming that both Bonanza Boy and Strands Of Gold are long-term National prospects, the trainer then said that Beau Ranger was on target for the Gold Cup. "The way Pegwell Bay ran against Desert Orchid at Sandown didn't do his form any harm," he said.

Class was triumphant throughout an afternoon when the unreal weather would have done credit to the Royal meeting in June. Both the punters and

Dreaper's star on parade

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Carvill's Hill has his first run of the year in the Red Mills Trial Chase over 2½ miles at Gowran Park this afternoon.

Ever since Jim Dreaper started schooling him over fences in the autumn, he has had his share of problems with the seven-year-old.

However, when brought to Naas for a workout after racing last Wednesday he created a splendid impression with his bold jumping.

Carvill's Hill unseated Ken Morgan at the last in the Dennys Gold Medal Chase at Leopardstown on Boxing Day after holding a two-length advantage over Deep Idol.

Even though the merits of this race were made to look very suspect when Deep Idol trailed in last of five in the Arkle Trophy last Saturday, Jim Dreaper still entertains Cheltenham hopes for the big horse. As a demonstration of his personal confidence in the horse's ability he has already marked out the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup for his next race.

The main opposition today will be provided by The Silent Master, an eight-length course and distance winner last month, and Golden Czar, who was trying to give 7lb away when beaten a short head by Fereda at Christmas. However, anything other than a convincing win for Carvill's Hill would be a big disappointment.

Attendances rise again

Attendance figures at racecourses increased by eight per cent to more than 4½ million last year, despite the rapid spread of SIS broadcasts to betting shops. The rise to 4,687,413 spectators was partly due to the fact that mild weather meant there were 36 more meetings in 1988 than 1987 — 957 against 921.

But the average attendance at each meeting still rose by four per cent, the fifth year in succession the number of racegoers has shown an increase.

Festival entries

Tote Gold Cup Chase (3m 2f): Aherlow, Aquilifer, Ballyhane, Barnbrook Again, Beau Ranger, Bishops Yarn, Bob Tisdall, Bolands Cross, Bonanza Boy, Boreen Prince, Brittany Boy, Carvill's Hill, Cavvies Clown, Charter Party, Comeragh King, Deep Moment, Desert Orchid, Dixton House, Golden Freeze, Handy Trick, Have A Barney, High Edge Grey, Kildimo, Kissane, Motivator, Mr Frisk, Nieroff, Nupsala, Omerta, Oregon Trail, Pegwell Bay, Rocker, Run And Skip, Rusch De Farges, Slalom, Stearsby, Ten Plus, The Thinker, The West Awake, Weather The Storm, West Tip, Yahoo. To be run on March 16.

Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle (2m): Alaristoun, Aston Express, Atteses, Auction Law, Beech Road, Calapaez, Cashew King, Celtic Chief, Celtic Shot, Chatam, Chesham Squire, Christian Schad, Cliffalda, Cloughmaney, Condor Pan, Dark Raven, Derrymore Boy, Domarc, Elementary, Floyd, Grabel, Grey Salute, Island Set, Jimmy Lorenzo, Kribensis, Lemhill, Mixed Blends, Mole Board, Old Dundalk, Osric, Past Glories, Persian Style, Royal Illusion, Rymster, Southover Lad, South Parade, Sprowston Boy, Swingit Gunner, Tancred Sand, Vagador, Vicario Di Bray, Wishlon, Yaheeb. To be run on March 14.

Fustoks fight for Mikhalides

The Fustok family is withdrawing its sponsorship of the Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly and the Prix Moulin at Longchamp in sympathy with Chantilly trainer Georges Mikhalides, who lost his appeal against a one-year ban imposed by the French Jockey Club at an inquiry on Monday.

Mikhalides, who trains 80 horses, mostly for Mahmoud Fustok, was banned for one year, commencing February 20, and fined £2,000 after traces of steroids were found in one of his horses, Ultimate Ruler, who won at Saint-Cloud on December 6.

The Fustoks, in a letter to the French Jockey Club, state that they intend pursuing the matter to the highest authority so this "unjust decision is reversed."

Toby Balding were on cloud nine after Jimmy Frost had brought the 6-5 on favourite, Morley Street, home three lengths clear of Penny Forum in the AF Budge Novices Hurdle.

Once again Brooke Sanders's grey Calapaez earnt full marks for consistency and courage when just getting the better of Rustle after a driving finish to the *Daily Telegraph* Hurdle.

"He's very game and I think I went to the front too soon," said Simon Sherwood. "I dislocated my right thumb jumping the second-last, but it seems to have clipped back into place."

Miss Sanders commented: "Calapaez is entered in both the Champion Hurdle and the Stayers Hurdle. But he'll probably go for the three-miler, as he gets out-paced against the top horses over two."

The saddest sight of the afternoon was that of Slalom, who started 7-4 on favourite but was beaten 20 lengths by Vulgan Warrior in the Old Road Securities Reynoldstown Novices Chase. Afterwards, the eight-year-old had blood pouring from his nostrils. Michael Robinson, his trainer, said: "He's never broken a blood vessel before. We'll take him home and have him examined extensively. And if there's anything seriously wrong, he'll miss the end of the season."

Ascot results

● Michael Seely napped Proud Pilgrim (6-1) at Ascot yesterday, and also gave *Morley Street* and Sabin Du Loir to complete an 18-1 treble.

Going: good

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, MORLEY STREET (J Frost, 5-6 fav); 2, Penny Forum (Dale McKeown, 13-2); 3, Lalitpoor (R Dunwoody, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Nice Dynasty (5th), 7 Kabartaylar (4th), 25 Go Banana's (pu), 200 Telemachus (pu). 7 ran. NR: Ardbrin. 3l, 2l, 6l, 2½l. G Balding at Fyfield. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £3.00. DF: £5.50. CSF: £6.76.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, SABIN DU LOIR (P Scudamore, 1-2 fav); 2, Waterloo Boy (R Dunwoody, 2-1); 3, Wolrpool (S McKeever, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Sohail (5th), 100 Grey Tornado (4th). 5 ran. 20l, 12l, 15l, 12l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.20. DF: £1.30. CSF: £1.72.

2.30 (3m hdle) 1, CALAPAEZ (S Sherwood, 6-5 fav); 2, Rustle (M Bowlby, 5-2); 3, Gaye Brief (D Browne, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Sprowston Boy (4th), 16 King's College Boy (5th), 50 Staghound (6th). 6 ran. ½l, 3l, ½l, 15l, 1½l. Miss B Sanders at Epsom. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.65.

3.5 (3m ch) 1, PROUD PILGRIM (M Dywer 6-1, Michael Seely's nap); 2, Ballyhane (R Rowe, 5-1); 3, Yahoo (T Morgan, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Bonanza Boy (f), 13-2 Mr Frisk (5th), 7 Sun Rising, 10 Bolands Cross (6th), 12 Aughavogue (f), 14 Oregon Trail (f), 50 Tarconey (4th). 10 ran. 1l, 10l, 1l, 2l, 4l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £7.00; £2.10, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £20.60. CSF: £35.43. Tricast: £150.41.

3.35 (3m ch) 1, VULGAN WARRIOR (J Osborne, 8-1); 2, Slalom (J White, 4-7 fav); 3, Dinny Walsh (T Morgan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Swardean (f), 10 Envopak Token (4th), 20 Hogmanay (5th). 6 ran. 20l, dist, dist, 3l. S Christian at Lambourn. Tote: £9.40; £2.30, £1.30. DF: £3.70. CSF: £12.89.

4.5 (2m 4f hdle) 1, SADDLERS NIGHT (J Leech, 11-2); 2, Cattle Bob (V Slattery, 11-2); 3, Record Flight (W Irvine, 25-1); 4, Jayells Dream (D Hood, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Shilgrove Place, 13-2 Riboballe, 8 Hairy Hal (6th), 9 Winan, 10 Smarna Express (5th), Single Woman, 14 Winter Haven, Polish, 25 Halmajor, Rhode Island Red, 33 Stoney Creek, 50 Josie Smith. 16 ran. Nk, nk, 3l, 2l, 2½l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.30; £2.30, £1.80, £3.90, £5.50. DF: £19.80. CSF: £40.36. Tricast: £698.24.

Jackpot: £9,496.30. Placepot: £18.60.

Ludlow

Going: good to firm

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, TREMBIN (G Morgan, 16-1); 2, Final Flutter (Mr G Johnson Houghton, 14-1); 3, Possalum (M Bosley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Au Bon (6th), 2 Touching Star, 13-2 Taffazani (4th), 20 St Louis Blues (5th), 25 Manna From Heaven, 50 Bill Normal (f), Bright Berry, Callaghan (bd), Flying Steel, Pampered Dream, Secret Arch, Willie Mcgarr, Kate of Aragon, Clewydden (f), Thornberry Hill. 18 ran. 2½l, 7l, 1½l, 2l, ¾l. R Manning at Winterbourne. Tote: £13.10; £2.60, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £24.40. CSF: £194.75.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, SNOWY BONDLAIR (Mr P Verling, 4-5 fav); 2, Fervent Hope (C Llewellyn, 6-1); 3, Master of Shane (H Davies, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Greenheart (f), 6 Annette's Delight (f), 66 Oakland Jason (4th), Rustica Silk (bd). 7 ran. 30l, 3l, 2½l. D Murray-Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £5.70.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, BLACK MANS BAY (J Lodder, 4-1 fav); Silver Ancona (C Llewellyn, 25-1); 3, High Bid (A Price, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Valverde (6th), 6 Annie Bee, 15-2 Carbon Lady (5th), 10 Winnies Luck (4th), Golfer's Sunrise, 14 Nuns Royal, Frank The Bank, 20 Buckswill, Dreaming Star, 25 Cretan Boy, 33 Karri (pu), Romany Lad (f). 15 ran. NR: L'Enchere. 2l, 2l, 1½l, 5l, ½l. F Jordan at Leominster. Tote: £6.80; £2.30, £7.80, £2.70. DF: £29.50. CSF: £89.00. Tricast: £1,327.79. Bought in 3,800gns

3.15 (3m ch) 1, PLEATED (S Smith Eccles, 8-1); 2, Brasseys Copse (A Webb, 25-1); 3, Only Trouble (Mr T Houlbrooke, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Leave It To Bally (6th), 9 Monks Image (f), Ah Hello (4th), 10 Members Merlin, 12 Kyle Wood, Ellerandem, 20 Dunsruma (ur), 25 Lady Seeker (5th), 33 Kilmore Quay, 50 Jon Piper (pu), Quiet Star, Moorstown Pride. 15 ran. ½l, 12l, 3l, 15l, 8l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £6.00; £2.00, £18.80, £2.00. DF: Winner or second with any other horse £2.30. CSF: £155.31. Tricast: £1,306.91.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, ANBANREE (G Bradley, 10-1); 2, Murphy (M Richards, Evens fav); 3, Hajji Baba (S McNeill, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Blue Bourbon (6th), Reindeer Walk, 8 Celtic Dove (5th), 12 Elvercone, 14 Prince Bold (4th), 20 Bully Boy, 50 Charismatic, Coronation March, Persian Dynasty, Phyrnstar, Silver Strings, Trava, Goosewinged, Rhondda Venture, Royal Pardon. 18 ran. 3l, 1½l, 5l, 2l, 4l. D Murray Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £11.30; £2.60, £1.70, £17.60. DF: £8.50. CSF: £19.53.

4.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, DEMOCRATIC BOY (S Smith Eccles, 6-4 fav); 2, My Sidney (J Shortt, 2-1); 3, Palace Yard (R Supple, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Barton Rise, 14 Golden Bavard (6th), 16 Lady Catcher (5th), 50 Admirable Crichton (f), Southstone Rock, To Aston (4th). 9 ran. ½l, 8l, 20l, ½l, 8l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.63.

4.45 (2m 5f hdle) 1, SPACE FAIR (W McFarland, 12-1); 2, Taimeimk (M Williams, 20-1); 3, Mystery Clock (B de Haan, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Abbeydore, 5 Military Band (6th), Pyleigh Court (5th), 13-2 Medes, 12 Stormy Monarch (4th), 16 Smokey Gem, 20 Tiptonian (pu), 50 Cocaine, Gold Hunter (pu), Quayside Buoy. 13 ran. NR: Gilt Future 10l, ½l, nk, 1½l, 1l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £9.40; £2.00, £5.20, £3.00. DF: £130.90. CSF: £192.16. Tricast: £2,217.68.

Placepot: £84.00.

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CRICKET

Australians no soft touch after hard West Indies series

From John Woodcock, Adelaide

The tour by West Indies of Australia, which ended here on Tuesday, left Vivian Richards and his side harbouring doubts about their resilience, which surfaced only after they had won the first three Test matches and with them the Frank Worrell Trophy.

On bouncing pitches at Perth and Melbourne, aiming at the batsman's Adam's apple, they would have pulverized all opposition. To quote Ian Chappell, a former Australian captain: "What West Indies did (in Melbourne) was to refine Jardine's bodyline theory and put it into practice without the field placings." It is a form of the game at which, in the right conditions, West Indies are unbeatable.

To be turned to account it needs ruthlessness, the indulgence of the umpires and the batting to back it up. Already the West Indians know perfectly well that by preparing pitches for their fast bowlers they will be virtually certain of beating India in the four-Test series starting in Guyana on March 25.

But there is another side to the coin. The longer West Indies think of spinners as outcasts the more vulnerable they will be to the slow, turning pitches (e.g. Sydney) which will be prepared for them when they go on tour.

In whatever order the Test matches had been played in the series just finished, West Indies would almost certainly have won it. But at Perth and Melbourne the curators played into West Indian hands in a way that would be unlikely to happen again, and at Sydney, because the ball turned, Australia were able to win without bowling particularly well. On the best pitch of the five, here in Adelaide, Australia were able to make a lot of runs and most of the running.

One's impressions of the last two months are mixed. While never feeling that the cricketers themselves were having much fun, they provided from time to time some spectacular entertainment. But the fiercer the games became the less able the umpires were to cope.

In a less physical way than the Australian batsmen, the umpires have had as harrowing a time as anyone, and if their reports are honest they can hardly be to the liking of Richards or his manager, Clive Lloyd. What can be said for these two, though, is that for some time they have clamoured for an international panel of umpires — and it will have to come.

As for the long term future of Test cricket in Australia, it has more than ever to be in danger of being engulfed by the one-day game, because of the way in which, for purely commercial reasons, this is promoted. Jeff Thomson's summing up of one-day cricket, like his bowling, came straight from the shoulder: "It's all right for a bit of a laugh, I suppose, but it's crap really, and the players know it." I wish I thought the Australian Cricket Board did also. Certainly the next generation don't. Even the next World Cup in Australia in 1992 is to be played with a white ball and in pyjamas — as if to cast it in a more colourful light than the real thing.

Now, as the West Indians pack for home, where their domestic competitions are already under way and India are due in a fortnight's time, the Australians turn their attention to the closing matches in the Sheffield Shield and their selectors to settling the side they will send to England in April. Of the 11 who have just played in the last Test match, half a dozen can be sure of a place on the tour of England. These are Border, Boon, Marsh, Jones, Stephen Waugh and Healy, the wicketkeeper. Alderman is another certain.

Discussion revolves at the moment around the size of the party — 16 or 17 — and whether Healy should be supported by a batsman who can keep wicket at a pinch or by a second specialist wicketkeeper. To go for 17 is usually a sign of indecision; to plump for a batsman who can stand behind the stumps, as distinct from an accepted wicketkeeper, would make more sense on a six-week tour of the Indian subcontinent than a four-month tour of England.

Australia's strength will come, obviously, from those who have emerged creditably, in the end, from two hard series this winter against Pakistan away and West Indies at home. Since being steamrollered at Melbourne six weeks ago they have begun to look like a team — not a particularly distinguished one but certainly not a soft touch.

Other batsmen with every chance of being chosen are Mark Waugh and Mark Taylor of New South Wales, Moody and Veletta, of Western Australia, and Siddons from Victoria. Several hard-running fast bowlers are competing for two or three places, in company with O'Donnell as an all-rounder. McDermott, who took 30 Test wickets when Australia were last in England; Rackemann (another of the "rebel" side that went to South Africa); Tazelaar (a left-armer); Dodemaide (who is having a poor season but whose style is thought to be well-suited to English conditions); Lawson, Reid, and, of course, Hughes are all in contention. Barry Richards, now coaching South Australia, believes that in Australia's affluent society genuine fast bowlers will become increasingly difficult to find.

Peter Taylor and May, who both bowl off breaks, and the leg spinners, Hohns and Sleep, are the best and best-known of the spinners. Of the last six Ashes series, Australia have won only one. Of their last 11 series against everyone and anyone they have lost eight, drawn two and won one. They will arrive in England at the end of April with a lot of leeway to make up, but with the ancient rivalry between the sides as likely as ever to give the series a flavour of its own.

N Zealand rule out extra Test

Wellington — The New Zealand Cricket Council has ruled out an extra Test match against Pakistan following the abandonment of the first Test in Dunedin (Qamar Ahmed writes). The suggestion of replacing the three-day game at Napier on February 19 against Shell XI by a Test did not find favour either with the New Zealand captain, John Wright, or the Pakistan manager.

New Zealand have added the paceman, Danny Morrison, from Auckland, to their squad for the Test tomorrow.

NEW ZEALAND (from): J Wright (captain), J Bracewell, E Chatfield, J Crowe, M Crowe, D Petrie, R Hadlee, A Jones, D Smith, M Snedden, R Vance, W Watson, D Morrison.

TEST MATCH AVERAGES

Australia batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
D M Jones	3	6	1	321	216	1	—	64.20	5
D C Boon	5	10	1	397	149	1	2	44.11	9
S R Waugh	5	9	1	331	91	—	3	41.37	3
M G Hughes	4	5	2	109	72*	—	1	36.33	7
A R Border	5	10	2	258	75	—	2	32.25	2
G M Wood	3	6	0	178	111	1	—	29.66	5
G R Marsh	5	10	0	227	79	—	1	22.70	4
C J McDermott	2	4	1	62	32*	—	—	20.66	1
M R J Veletta	2	4	0	71	37	—	—	17.75	2
I A Healy	5	8	0	138	62	—	1	17.25	12
M A Taylor	5	8	0	67	36	—	—	16.75	1
P L Taylor	2	4	0	67	18*	—	—	16.00	5
A I C Dodemaide	2	3	1	32	22	—	—	15.66	4
T B A May	3	5	2	47	24	—	—	14.33	1
T V Hohns	2	3	0	43	24	—	—	14.33	1
T M Alderman	2	2	0	9	9	—	—	4.50	—
	2	3	0	12	9	—	—	4.00	1

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: G F Lawson 0*; C D Matthews 1, 32; M R Whitney 2.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	BB	SI	Avge
A R Border	61.4	19	121	11	7-48	1	11.00
M R Whitney	50.0	10	149	9	7-89	1	16.55
T M Alderman	80.1	23	169	7	4-58	—	24.14
C J McDermott	77.0	9	251	7	3-62	—	35.85
M G Hughes	163.1	41	503	14	8-87	2	35.92
T B A May	98.0	18	314	7	3-90	—	44.85
S R Waugh	133.0	17	458	10	5-92	1	45.80
T V Hohns	120.4	31	280	6	3-64	—	46.66
A I C Dodemaide	63.0	6	255	4	2-60	—	63.75

ALSO BOWLED: G F Lawson 32-7-97-3; C D Matthews 24.5-3-80-0; P L Taylor 70.2-16-213-3

West Indies batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100	50	Avge	Ct/st
D L Haynes	5	10	1	537	143	2	2	59.66	5
R B Richardson	5	10	1	528	122	2	2	58.66	4
I V A Richards	5	9	1	446	146	1	4	55.75	4
C G Greenidge	5	10	1	397	104	1	2	44.11	4
A L Logie	5	9	1	198	93	—	1	24.75	8
P J L Dujon	5	8	0	195	46	—	—	27.66	15
C A Walsh	5	8	5	66	30*	—	—	18.88	5
C L Hooper	5	9	0	170	84	—	1	13.25	2
C E L Ambrose	5	8	0	106	44	—	—	10.66	—
B P Patterson	4	6	3	32	13	—	—	9.50	1
M D Marshall	5	8	0	76	23	—	—		

PLAYED IN ONE MATCH: R A Harper 17, 12 (1ct).

* denotes not out

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	BB	SI	Avge
C E L Ambrose	204.3	38	558	26	5-72	1	21.46
M D Marshall	192.0	42	488	17	5-29	1	28.70
C A Walsh	176.5	32	500	17	4-82	—	29.41
B P Patterson	107.1	11	405	12	5-39	1	33.75

ALSO BOWLED: R A Harper 37-9-88-0; C L Hooper 79-3-17-198-2; I V A Richards 117-12-299-3.

● Compiled by Richard Lockwood

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	O/Piste	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C
ANDORRA							
Soldeu	60	35	fair	varied	art	fine	–6
Fair skiing on runs with artificial snow							
AUSTRIA							
Brand	30	80	good	spring	fair	fine	5
Base holding out well							
Kitzbühel	15	105	fair	varied	icy	fine	1
A few bare patches on south-facing slopes							
Obergurgl	60	65	good	varied	good	sun	2
Good sunny skiing							
Saalbach	20	75	fair	varied	fair	fine	3
Sunny skiing, becoming thin							
Schladming	25	110	good	varied	art	fine	2
Good skiing on all mountains							
FRANCE							
Isola 2000	10	10	worn	varied	worn	fine	0
15 runs open							
Les Arcs	20	60	fair	crust	poor	fine	–2
Good skiing on upper slopes							
Val Thorens	50	140	worn	varied	worn	fine	–1
Sunny skiing, all lifts open							
SWITZERLAND							
Crans Montana	5	50	worn	varied	closed	fine	2
Sunny spring skiing							
Gstaad	10	25	fair	varied	worn	sun	3
Cold nights helping to maintain snow cover							
Klosters	40	95	fair	varied	fair	fine	3
High pistes good, superb weather							
St Moritz	10	20	fair	varied	art	fine	5
Limited skiing on the few runs open							
Wengen	10	50	fair	varied	fair	fine	4
Spring skiing conditions							
Zermatt	5	40	worn	varied	closed	fine	6
Excellent glacier skiing							

In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

AUSTRIA	L	U
Bad Kleinkirchheim	0	20
Igls	0	65
Ischgl	10	70
Lech	65	115
Mayrhofen	5	70
Neustift	10	190
Niederau	25	100
St Anton	30	220
Seefeld	40	60
Sölll	20	60
Sölden	10	80
Westendorf	10	90
Zell am See	5	110

● Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office.

SCOTLAND

Cairngorm, Glencoe, Glenshee and the Lecht: Still not enough snow for skiing. Forecast: Strong southerly wind, 45 to 50 m.p.h. at 2,000ft; outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, especially at Glencoe, where the cloud will be about 1,000ft; on the other slopes cloud will be around 2,000ft; freezing level will be above summits; becoming brighter during the early afternoon in Glencoe as the wind veers south-west and moderates for a time; showers, which will become wintry on high ground, with freezing level falling to around 2,500ft; the brighter conditions spreading to all slopes later in the afternoon. Outlook: Blustery wintry showers, especially at Glencoe, with a strong-westerly wind; bright periods with main cloud base above 2,500ft but in showers cloud down to 1,500ft; on Saturday, winds backing south-west and increasing ahead of band of rain; milder conditions spreading from west during afternoon.

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

Homeward bound

Mark Smith, the Plymouth Argyle defender, is to leave the second division football club at the end of the season because he wants to move back to his native Yorkshire. Aged 28, Smith cost Argyle £170,000 from Sheffield Wednesday two years ago, but has been unable to settle in the West Country.

BADMINTON

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Champion style: Hall on his way to the English national title at Crawley on Tuesday

Hall reaffirms his status

By Richard Eaton

Darren Hall signalled again that he is England's main hope when he defeated Steve Baddeley, the top seed, 15-2, 15-12 in the final of the Oracle UK English national championships at Crawley on Tuesday.

Hall, aged 23, gave a sign like that last April when he became the first Englishman to win the European title. The amazing thing is that it should have taken until now to achieve another important win.

His recovery from his fitness problems of the summer has taken time and his international results have been moderate. But on the evidence of the pace and zeal with which Hall tackled Baddeley his difficulties ought to be behind him. He often took the attack to one of the best smashes in the game, and only when he lost a few rallies around the net and allowed the Commonwealth champion to recover from 1-10, to 12-12 in the second game, was the outcome in doubt.

Fiona Smith's win in only 16 minutes over Jo Muggeridge was her fourth title, but the first that suggests she may be England's best player.

● Baddeley accused Hall yesterday of trying to devalue his achievements. Hall claimed that his victory proved a point to England selectors who had promoted Baddeley above him to No. 1 in the rankings. An angry Baddeley said: "He is stepping away from reality if he is trying to pretend this result proves he should have been No. 1. My results over the relevant period were much better than his, especially against international opponents, but he is trying to devalue them."

RESULTS: Finals: Men's singles: D Hall (Essex) bt S Baddeley (Sussex), 15-2, 15-12. Men's doubles: Baddeley and M Dew (Middx) bt Brown and R Outterside (Essex), 15-9, 15-11. Women's singles: F Smith (Surrey) bt J Muggeridge (Kent), 11-2, 11-3. Women's doubles: G Clark (Surrey) and S Sankey (Lancs) bt J Munday and F Smith (Surrey), 15-12, 18-13. Mixed doubles: A Goode and G Gowers (Herts) bt M Brown (Yorkshire) and J Wellwork (Lancs), 18-13, 18-14.

SQUASH RACKETS

Victory for Harris reveals the divide

From Colin McQuillan, Toronto

Del Harris, the England representative in the Mennen Cup, a soft-ball tournament being playing at the Curzon Club here, took evident pleasure in overturning the top American hard-ball specialist, Mark Talbott, 15-9, 15-11, 15-10 in a dynamic 40-minute performance that illustrated the gulf betwen the two disciplines.

Drawn in Group A of the round-robin opening stages, Harris lost on Monday to Ross Norman, the world No. 4 from New Zealand, and was due to face Jahangir Khan, the world champion from Pakistan, late last night.

Norman played his best match of the season on Tuesday to threaten Jahangir for two games before fading to a 15-13, 15-13, 15-9 defeat.

Harris had quite different pressures to deal with. He needed to beat Talbott to retain a chance of qualifying ahead of Norman for the semi-finals tomorrow, although it will take an outrageous win over Jahangir to put him in the frame.

Talbott, aged 28, is supreme in the hard-ball game, which is played only in North America. He arrived in Toronto on the day of the match having never seen the all-glass court here, never played with the Dunlop Teleball in use for the Mennen Cup, and hardly approached soft-ball squash since the last World Championships in 1987.

Within a few rallies, however, his springy, short-legged movement was taking him to the best of Harris's blasting drives and his amazing racket reaction pushed the Englishman into increasingly gymnastic retrieval.

The British No. 1 was able to employ the dramatic changes of pace available in the soft-ball game to surprise Talbott.

RESULTS: Round-robin: D Harris (Eng) bt M Talbott (US), 15-9, 15-11, 15-10; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-13, 15-13, 15-8; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 15-7, 15-3, 15-7.

SNOOKER

Televised stages care of ICI

From Steve Acteson, Deauville

Mark McCormack's International Management Group (IMG) has belatedly secured sponsorship for the European Open in Deauville. IMG — through its television arm, Trans World International (TWI), is co-promoting the event with the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), and ICI has now agreed to pay an undisclosed amount to give its name to the televised stages, which began yesterday.

Part of TWI's role in its association with the WPBSA is to sell the four new overseas ranking events to television worldwide, but it was its failure to reach agreement with Belgian television that caused the European Open to be switched to Deauville, where the local population has shown little or no interest.

John Virgo, the chairman of the WPBSA, said yesterday: "It is never easy establishing major events on new territory, but the growth of snooker in Europe is inevitable" — a statement at odds with his earlier admission that if the European Open is to be held at all next season, it will certainly not be in Deauville.

Terry Griffiths was in remarkable form in the opening quarter-final yesterday, despite conditions he considered difficult, as he brushed aside Martin Clark 5-1. He opened with a clearance of 100, following with one of 106 in the third frame.

Clark, aged 20, is one of the most promising players on the circuit and rallied briefly with a break of 63 to win the fifth frame, but conceded the sixth when 74-10 in arrears.

"It was very hot and sticky in there under the TV lights and there were a lot of bad contacts so, all in all, I was very happy with the way I played," Griffiths said.

RESULTS: Fifth round (Tuesday night): M Hallett (Eng) bt S Hendry (Scot), 5-3. Frame scores (Hallett first): 72-22, 64-52, 81-27, 97-36, 8-70, 16-109, 54-71, 66-57. Quarter-final: T Griffiths (Wales) bt M Clark (Eng), 5-1. Frame scores (Griffiths first): 114-13, 85-13, 106-14, 55-12, 43-82, 74-10.

BOBSLEIGHING

Britons return fast times in training runs

From Chris Moore, Cortina

Mark Tout and Nick Phipps clocked two of the fastest times on the third and fourth training runs for this weekend's four-man competition at the world championships here. Tout and his crew of Nigel Urquhart, Audley Richards and Dave Armstrong were lying joint second with Gustav Weder, of Switzerland, after the opening heat in 54.34sec. It was Tout's highest placing in official practice of a major competition.

"I have kept a copy of the official time sheet and am going to get it framed," the Wincanton driver said. He was upstaged on the next run by Phipps, who beat him by 0.39sec in setting the fourth fastest time on the second lauf.

Over the two runs Phipps was 0.25sec ahead of Tout and 0.82sec up on Tom De La Hunty, who was originally nominated to drive the No. 2 British sledge. The selection will be made before this morning's last two training runs.

Cannons enhance their hopes of keeping title

By a Special Correspondent

The absence of Del Harris and Ross Norman, both of whom were playing in the Mennen Cup in Toronto, resulted in mixed fortunes for their respective clubs in the American Express Premier League.

In Cheshire, Norman's teammates from UTC Cannons recorded a 5-0 win over Village Hotels, which was essential to their hopes of retaining the title.

James Capel Ardleigh, on the other hand, were unable to cover Harris's absence, and saw their slim championship chance disappear with a 3-2 defeat at Castlemaine Weston.

Cannons are three points behind Mayflower Lambs, the leaders, and the destiny of the title seems certain to be settled when the London rivals meet on February 28 on the last night of the season. They were led by Neil Harvey, who celebrated his promotion to first string by beating Stuart Hailstone, ranked eight places above the him at No. 13 on the world list.

Norman will be back to lead a full-strength Cannons side at home to Castlemaine Weston next week and that will put further pressure on Lambs, who must travel to Leekes Welsh Wizards without Hiddy Jahan, who is suspended for one match for ungentlemanly conduct in a recent league outing.

RESULTS: Fin Sinod Herts 4, Leekes Welsh Wizards 1; Castlemaine Weston 3, James Capel Ardleigh 2; Village Hotels 0, UTC Cannons 5; Servicecop Thornbridge 2, Jim Hall Sports Northern 3.

	P	W	L	Pts
Mayflower Lambs	13	12	1	74
UTC Cannons	13	10	3	71
J Capel Ardleigh	14	9	5	58
JHS Northern	14	9	5	55
Fin Sinod Herts	13	8	5	53
Weston	13	6	7	41
Leekes Welsh W	14	2	12	26
Village Hotels	13	3	10	22
Thornbridge	13	1	12	20

SWIMMING

Gillingham makes world record his golden target

By Steven Downes

Nick Gillingham is a perfectionist, his smooth breaststroke brings delight to technicians. But perfection demands more than an Olympic 200 metres breaststroke silver medal, and tomorrow, Gillingham sets out on a year of racing in which he aims to win a European title, two Commonwealth Games golds, and to set a world record.

Gillingham is competing in this weekend's World Cup meeting in Bonn, sponsored by Arena, an event which always attracts the world's best. The six-lane Frankenbad is deep, the water surface smooth, the pool is fast: there were nine world bests set there last year.

The year after the Olympics is unlikely to produce as many outstanding performances, but Gillingham could embellish the meeting's reputation by beating the European 200 metres breaststroke short-course best of 2min 11.44sec. Not one to just "talk a good fight", you know Gillingham is going well by his eagerness for the weekend's racing.

Gillingham rattles off the names of the world record-holder and other Olympic medal winners in a litany of people he wants to race and beat: Victor Davis, Joszef Szabo, Sergio Lopes, Dmitri Volkov. "It doesn't worry me who's there," he says. "To be the best, you've got to beat the best."

Two weeks after his 22nd birthday, Gillingham's life has been changed by the Olympics. From relative anonymity, his Seoul success has brought him to the fore. "Twelve months ago, I sat down with my coach and we worked out the times I ought to be doing. I didn't think I was capable of them."

Two minutes, 14.12 seconds were the figures the City of Birmingham swimmer realized in Seoul, giving him a self-confidence that has made a world record his goal in next year's Commonwealth Games.

Yet, before Christmas, Gillingham was considering giving up the sport. "I wondered if it was time to go out and start a career." Despite his Olympic medal, there was no queue of people at his Walsall home offering him endorsement contracts.

He decided to stay in the swim. "I felt I haven't done enough in swimming, and so I'm sticking at it for two years, until the world championships. I still want to be the best in the world." The new year has brought three encouraging offers of sponsorship ("We're not looking at thousands of pounds," Gillingham says, "but enough to make life easier") and an elite grant from the Sports Aid Foundation.

With money worries behind him, Gillingham is concentrating on his sport. His ambitions are extending beyond the 200 metres. "I'm stronger than ever before. I'd like to do a good 100 on Sunday. It would be nice to pick up a double at the Commonwealth Games."

That, though, could mean beating both Davis and Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic champion.

Gillingham: self-confident

Opponents try to alter Sunday Bill

By Louise Taylor

The Keep Sunday Special Campaign yesterday gave a Parliamentary launch to its proposed amendments to a Private Member's Bill to legalize professional sport on Sundays.

The Bill, published by Andrew MacKay, Conservative MP, Berkshire East, includes a provision to allow horse-racing on up to 12 Sundays a year.

In a letter sent to every backbench member of Parliament, the Keep Sunday Special Campaign — which includes Jonathan Edwards, the triple-jumper, and Christopher Martin-Jenkins, the BBC commentator, among its subscribers — has urged MPs to consider two amendments before supporting the second reading.

The first, designed not only to protect the employment rights of 40,000 shopworkers but to avoid an extension of Sunday shop opening, would prevent betting shops from opening on an extra day.

Alan Meale, Labour MP, Mansfield, said: "This bill is an attempt to change the laws on Sunday trading. Later amendments would make its introduction very easy."

The Government claims that to have Sunday racing with betting shops closed would precipitate an outbreak of illegal gambling. However, Sinder Jones, legal adviser to the campaign, said: "Our proposed amendment is based on the system that works successfully in Ireland where runners are named on a Friday and punters bet on Saturdays."

The second amendment would require owners of sports stadiums to submit applications for Sunday opening to their local authority. This would enable residents in the vicinity of football grounds to have some power over whether fixtures should be played in their area on Sundays.

A survey of householders living near football grounds in Liverpool, Manchester, north London, Southampton, Ipswich, and Colchester, published yesterday, indicates that 74 per cent want a say on whether Sunday football should take place at their local ground. The report, published by the Jubilee Centre in Cambridge, also showed that 47 per cent claimed to be inconvenienced or disturbed by Sunday football matches while four out of five would prefer the game to be played exclusively on Saturdays.

GOLF

Course where Faldo's 62 is awesome target

From John Ballantine, Honolulu

Lanny Wadkins will start the defence of his Hawaiian Open title on the 6,975-yard Waialae course here today against the usual strong field of American players, enriched by some leading Japanese professionals, including Tommy Nakajima.

Even to the Hawaiians, however, the Japanese are a poor substitute for Sandy Lyle, Bernhard Langer and Nick Faldo, who is remembered here with some awe for scoring a 62 in his best clockwork style on this difficult course.

The Europeans, except for Ken Brown who is practising in Palm Springs, have gone back to their respective homes for a much-needed break.

Wadkins is in good form, as he proved by winning Tuesday's ten-man "shoot-out" and $3,000. Among the contestants are several former champions including Ben Crenshaw (1976) and Corey Pavin (1986 and 1987) in addition to Craig Stadler, Paul Azinger and Chip Beck.

Tom Watson, five-times an Open championship winner, has never won this title despite travelling across the Pacific many times and one wonders if this might be his year. Watson will be 40 in September and he has declined in the last five seasons from the No 1 money-winner in 1984 to 39th on the list last year with $273,000 (about £156,000).

As his last victory was in the Nabisco event in 1987 he is certainly due to win again.

£2 million for juniors

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has responded to a plea by the Golf Foundation for Government aid by setting his sights on raising up to £2 million for the development of junior golf in Britain.

Moynihan offered assistance after learning at yesterday's annual general meeting in London that the Foundation had made a loss of £12,000 last year. Only 50 of almost 2,000 clubs in Britain could raise more than £200 in an annual appeal.

The president of the Foundation, Keith MacKenzie, said that it was "high time the Government made money available for the development of junior golf".

Moynihan responded: "I have played only once since becoming Minister but the least I can do is to write to every club asking each member to contribute £1 to support the next generation of golfers.

"That represents less than the cost of one golf ball and perhaps a persuasive letter from the Minister for Sport will end the financial worries for such outstanding ambassadors for British sport."

For the first time yesterday, there were joint winners of the Foundation's annual junior award. Ian Garbutt, aged 16, a two-handicap golfer from Wheatley, Doncaster, took the boys' prize, and Lisa Dermott, from the St Melyd Club in Wales, also 16, was the girls' winner.

JUDO: BRITISH TEAMS HAVE TO PAY THEIR OWN WAY TO PARIS TOURNAMENT

National squads grappling with a cash crisis

By Nicolas Soames

Britain's European open weight champion, Elvis Gordon, has had to pay for his own flight to France to compete in the four-day Paris multi-nations tournament which starts today. And so has every other man and woman in the British team.

Of the 24 nations competing in this major event Britain is almost certainly the only country which is not paying travel costs, a move forced by a drastic cut-back in the budgets for the national squads.

Last year, Arthur Mapp's men's squad received £37,000 plus the considerable bonus of £57,000 from the Seb Coe Fund for Olympic training. Roy Inman's women's squad received £17,000. This year, each squad will receive £19,000.

"We have been told by the management committee of the British Judo Association that because of a possible reduction in the Sports Council grant, a drop in membership and because last year the BJA made a loss that there is no more money available," Mapp said.

This sum will just suffice to send teams to the senior and junior European championships and the world championships — the main events this year. There is no money left for training expenses or other competitions.

● The Sports Council stated yesterday that grant negotiations are in progress and there has been no suggestion of a cut in the £230,000 which has been the figure for the past two years.

TEAM: Men: Bantamweight (under 60kg): C Finney. Featherweight (under 65kg): M Adshead. Lightweight (under 71kg): W Gusack, G Edwards. Light-middleweight (under 78kg): F Davis. Middleweight (under 86kg): R Stevens. Heavyweight (over 95kg): E Gordon. Women: Bantamweight (under 48kg): A Monamoodally. Featherweight (under 52kg): J Johnson. Lightweight (under 56kg): N Fairbrother. Light-middleweight (under 61kg): S Mills. Middleweight (under 66kg): D Netherwood. Light-heavyweight (under 72kg): M Bell. Heavyweight (over 72kg): S Lee.

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BOXING: A FORMER CHAMPION AND A CHALLENGER ARE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Honeyghan is still uncertain about what future holds

LLoyd Honeyghan flew home to a hero's welcome from his family and friends yesterday. Honeyghan was still battered and bruised after losing his WBC welterweight crown to Marlon Starling in Las Vegas, but to his children, Monique, aged four, and LLoyd Jnr, one year, and their mother, Jennifer Green, he was still the best man in the world.

They were at the airport to greet Honeyghan, along with his father, Sylvester, two sisters, a brother and a crowd of friends, as he flew in from Los Angeles. They gave him a rousing welcome.

Honeyghan said: "I haven't made any decisions yet about my future. It's early days yet to say whether I carry on or retire. It doesn't matter whether I go out as a loser. The defeat hasn't changed my attitude. I still love boxing but I have a lot of things to think about before I decide what happens next.

"The only thing in my mind since the fight has been to get home, see Jennifer and my kids. All I want to do is to spend some time with my family. It's good to be back."

Honeyghan's swollen face was too much for Jennifer, the girl he has vowed to marry this summer. She could not hold back the tears as she kissed and hugged him. Jennifer, in a long gold overcoat and a black Russian-style hat, said: "It's wonderful to have him back home. I was worried about him when I knew he was hurt."

The former champion's face was still swollen and his eye was bloodshot and partly closed but he bravely took off his dark glasses so that his children could see him more clearly.

He said: "I'm not feeling too bad now. My face is still a bit bruised but it's not as painful as it was. I'm very disappointed. I feel terrible that it didn't go my way. I thought it was going well until the forth. He caught me on the temple and hit a nerve — and that was really it.

"From then on, I wasn't trying to knock the guy out — it was just a question of survival. I was trying to protect myself from getting any more damage. I gave it my best shot but it wasn't to be."

Britain's heavyweight hope, Frank Bruno, was also reunited with his girl friend, Laura, yesterday, but in Fountain Hills, outside Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been training for his challenge for Mike Tyson's world heavyweight title.

For years it has been a boxing axiom — especially among veteran trainers — that for a fighter to stay mentally sharp and tough he must be celibate while in training camp. Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, was asked about the break with tradition, but Bruno quickly answered: "It was my idea. Some boxers' wives never leave their sides during training camp."

Maybe it was the ghosts of old-time trainers haunting him, but Bruno looked slow and awkward on Tuesday.

Left-right combination: Honeyghan with Monique and Lloyd Junior at Heathrow yesterday

RUGBY UNION

Bristol untroubled by Leeds on their run-in to the final

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Bristol Polytechnic 20
Leeds Polytechnic 6

Bristol, winners of the British Polytechnics Cup two years ago, reached the final once more yesterday, though not in quite the commanding vein their opening against Leeds promised. They won by a goal, two tries and two penalty goals to two penalties on the neutral ground of Worcester and will meet Polytechnic of Wales at Saracens on March 8.

In the first quarter, Bristol threatened to run away with the game, having already progressed further in their competition than the city's university, who went out of the UAU competition at the quarter-final stage. Bristol's powerful scrummaging and rucking created all sorts of difficulties for Corbett, the Leeds scrum half, who found any ball which came his way hotly pursued by opposing forwards.

But rather than moving the ball wide, where they appeared to have an advantage, Bristol persisted in taking possession back to the forwards. As a result, Leeds were able to remain in theoretical contact at half-time, when they trailed 16-3 but had the advantage of the wind to come. It would, nevertheless, have taken an extraordinary change of fortunes for Leeds to make an impact on the match, so poor was their control of the ball.

Cheng, with an early penetrative run which he repeated several times later in the game, carried Bristol to the position from which Hibbert kicked a simple penalty goal. Good timing of the pass by Atkins put Flint in for the first try and de Maid, the Welsh Students scrum half, burrowed through his pack for the second.

Appleson, who plays on Headingley's wing, kicked a long penalty against the wind for Leeds and another, even longer, after the interval — by which time Leeds had lost their flanker. They were to lose their full back to injury too, which did not prevent a gallant rally after Truelove's try, from Atkins's break, had extended Bristol's lead.

Appleson constantly won acres of ground with his left-footed kicking, but hard though his forwards worked in the final quarter, they could not provide the finishing touch which might have brought a consolatory score, if not a place in the final.

SCORERS: Bristol Polytechnic: Tries: Flint, de Maid, Truelove. Conversion: Hibbert. Penalty goals: Hibbert (2). Leeds Polytechnic: Penalty goals: Appleson (2).
BRISTOL POLYTECHNIC: C Norton; N Wakefield, D Cheng, P Shields, S Flint; A Hibbert, M de Maid; J Holmes, D Bronks, C Newth, S Truelove, D Phelps, M Espley, S Bishop, B Atkins.
LEEDS POLYTECHNIC: A Mitchell (rep: S Hudson); D Close, S Hardy, N Davison, S Francis; M Appleson, B Corbett; S Ellis, D Dixon, A Bean, T Gibbs (rep: S Lancaster), S Hawry-Woora, S Shortland, S Morgan, D Trowmans.
Referee: A John (North Midlands).

HOCKEY

Army falls as Oxford march on

By David Chappell

Oxford University 5
Army 1

Oxford University completed a clean sweep against the Services this season with a confident, attacking display against the Army at The Parks yesterday. If the margin of victory flattered Oxford slightly, their constant ability to create chances gives them cause for optimism for the forthcoming University match against Cambridge at Lord's.

Against an Army defence lacking in pace and showing an alarming disregard for covering its rear, Oxford should have scored more than just twice in the first 20 minutes.

The rangy Mee galloped into wide open spaces on the right throughout and only a tendency to stray offside, weak finishing, and Haddock's goalkeeping prevented them from sealing victory before half-time.

Instead, the Army redeployed their troops for the second half and Boxell, lent early support in midfield by Banham, suddenly found a powerful ally to his left in Roberts.

It was the presence of Roberts in the Oxford circle that allowed Boxell's short corner 10 minutes after the break to raise the Army's spirits. But Oxford weathered the storm, with Barry, the full back, lifting the siege, and inevitably their fast, countering forwards played them out of trouble.

Grimes's goal after good advantage by the umpire put Oxford 3-1 in front with 12 minutes remaining and, with the Army's guns spiked, Shafiq and Mee completed the formalities. Oxford's early goals had come from Barry's deflected short corner and a simple tap-in from Peters.

Without the likes of Jennings and Hazlitt through unavailability — an increasing problem for the Army as national league commitments with civilian clubs add to obvious selection difficulties — the Army have problems in both defence and attack as they seek an eighth successive Inter-Services championship next month.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: J Nicholls (Charterhouse and Worcester); *P Barry (Howard School, Gillingham, and St Catherine's), *R Stimson (KCS Wimbledon and Oriel), *J Ingham (King Edward VI, Birmingham and Merton), *G Peters (St George's, Weybridge and Christ Church), R Hall (St Edward's, Oxford and Brasenose), *S Ghauri (Kingston GS and Worcester), *S Mee (Merchant Taylors' and Brasenose), A Shafiq (Caterham and Lincoln), G Bassbury (RGS High Wycombe and Exeter), A Grimes (Warwick and Jesus; sub: *J Herbert (Bryanston and Brasenose).
* denotes a Blue.
ARMY: Capt N Haddock, Maj T Marwaha, Sgn M Roberts, Capt P Leighton, Capt P Boxell, Lt A Jackson, Lt J Cotterill (sub: Sgn P Collins), Maj M Banham, 2nd Lt R Determeyer, Cfn M Bale, Lt P Frostick.
Umpires: I Bryan (Navy) and D Jenney (Exon).

St Albans go top in style

St Albans recovered the leadership in the first division of the Buttermen Indoor League at Crystal Palace on Tuesday night with a 14-7 victory over Blackheath (Sydney Friskin writes).

"Having won all seven matches so far, St Albans have two more matches to play, against Fareham on February 15 and East Grinstead, their main rivals, on February 21. Against Blackheath they were leading 5-4 but in the second half St Albans took command. Halliday scoring five goals, Grimley four, Jennings three, and Rowley two. Tony Colclough (2), Pollu Kalsi (2), Chada, Lippard and Patel scored for Blackheath.

Tulse Hill and Khalsa shared the points in a 6-6 draw. Tulse Hill led 4-1 at half-time but Khalsa came back in the second half after falling 6-3 behind and Davinder Rhency levelled the score with three minutes to go. The first goal was scored for Khalsa by Ravi Virdi, who plays at under-16 level outdoors for England's schoolboys, with Bansal (2), Sonny Soor, and Manro adding to the score. Richard Clarke (3), Riley (2) and Kim Clarke scored Tulse Hill's goals.

RESULTS: First division: Tulse Hill 6, Khalsa 6; Blackheath 7, St Albans 14.

FOOTBALL

Vintage Brady finds an international market

By Clive White

For a player who feared a year ago that his career might be finished because of a serious knee injury, Liam Brady has enjoyed as much health and success this season as anyone could wish.

At club level with West Ham United, he has a Littlewoods Cup semi-final this Sunday and an FA Cup fifth round tie, to look forward to, while his international career, at the age of nearly 33, blossomed again in Dublin on Tuesday when he returned after a 16-month absence to don his record 68th cap for the Republic of Ireland.

There were not many obvious successes in the lacklustre goalless draw against France at Dalymount Park, but Brady was one who, like the quality player he is, comfortably managed to elevate his fine club form to international level.

Brady believes that he is playing better than he has done for many years. "At my age I could go on for another couple of years. The manager wouldn't have to tell me when it was time, I'd know myself. My intention is to help the Republic qualify for Italy and then take stock," he said.

In his case, at least, Jack Charlton was justified in his decision to put the Republic's World Cup future in the hands of the veterans. But his other vote for experience was less conclusively supported by Frank Stapleton, winning his 67th cap.

Charlton had pondered beforehand who should partner Cascarino, of Millwall, up front: Stapleton, Aldridge or Kelly. If he thought that he knew at least one half of his best attacking duo, this warm-up game for next month's crucial World Cup qualifier with Hungary, in Budapest, may have caused him to think again. Cascarino's aerial menace was minimal and his first touch unconvincing at this level.

Stapleton led his line with the guile and commitment one would expect, but these days he rarely threatens to hurt the opposition with his finishing. He was eventually substituted by Aldridge. There may be some significance, too, in Charlton's decision to transfer the captaincy for that game to McCarthy.

I believe, though, that he should persevere with the big forward who could be just the foil that Aldridge, Liverpool's leading goalscorer, needs to improve his pitiful international contribution, one goal in 22 matches.

The forwards, however, did not receive the best of support from midfield, in which Townsend made a quiet first international appearance. The physical presence of McGrath, deployed at centre-back against the French, was missing. One wonders, too, whether Charlton is getting the full benefit of Brady's vision in playing him in a wide position which the player is known to detest.

"Totally predictable and physical," was how Michel Platini, the manager of France, described the Irish. Brady's retort was that the French, whom he believed Scotland would beat in their World Cup qualifier next month, were much the same, though he did return one compliment to the Republic's critic. "They don't have anyone who can invent in midfield. They need another Platini," he said.

Brazil has moved up two divisions

Gary Brazil, the Preston forward valued at £250,000, yesterday completed his transfer to Newcastle United, of the first division, who have paid the third division club £100,000. The difference has been made up by Newcastle's midfield player, Ian Bogie, moving to Deepdale.

Liverpool's reserve centre forward, John Durnin, has agreed on a £250,000 move to Oxford United and is expected to make his debut against Portsmouth at on Saturday if he passes a medical examination this morning.

The Watford manager, Steve Harrison, who last season bought the winger, Rick Holden, from Halifax, returned to the fourth division club yesterday to sign a midfield player, Lee Richardson, aged 19, for £125,000. Harrison has agreed to pay Halifax a further £50,000 when Richardson has made 40 first team appearances.

Peter Reid, who has joined Queen's Park Rangers on a free transfer from Everton, has signed a two-and-a-half-year contract. Trevor Francis, the QPR player-manager, said Reid, who was Everton's player-coach, has been signed as a player.

Colchester United have paid £35,000 to the Irish club, Bohemians, for Paul McGee, a winger.

Following Southampton's failure to obtain a work permit for the Yugoslav player, Milos Drizic, there is now considerable doubt whether Aston Villa will be successful with their application for the Austrian defender, Alex Speer.

Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, said: "Speer is not a full international but he has an international pedigree."

Villa are hopeful that the fact that Speer has already won 16 under-21 caps for Austria will influence the Department of Employment in their favour.

● The final of the Simod Cup, delayed because of re-building work at Wembley Stadium, has now been confirmed for Sunday, April 30. Capacity will be close to the planned new limit of 87,000. Capacity for the Littlewoods Cup Final, on April 9, will be 81,000.

● Doncaster Rovers, fourth division, have paid off their £86,109 tax debt three weeks after a winding-up petition by the Inland Revenue was adjourned for consideration of proposals for a settlement.

● The former Manchester City midfield player, Gerry Gow, has been named as the new manager of Weymouth, the GM Vauxhall Conference club.

FA tackle Clough at home

By Louise Taylor

Brian Clough is due to entertain a three-man deputation from the Football Association at the City Ground today. His noon meeting with the disciplinary commission is likely to be anything but a friendly lunch date.

The Nottingham Forest manager faces a charge of bringing the game into disrepute following the incident at the end of last month's Littlewoods Cup win at home to Queen's Park Rangers when he struck supporters who invaded the pitch.

Television film will be scrutinised by the commission, who will ask Clough for his comments on a newspaper article in which he was alleged to have said he would do the same again in similar circumstances.

Clough could face a heavy fine and/or a lengthy touchline ban.

Yesterday's results

World Cup
Group Five

CYPRUS	(1) 2	SCOTLAND	(1) 3		
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25,000					

International matches

GREECE	(1) 1	ENGLAND	(1) 2
Saravakos		Barnes, Robson	
8,000			
ISRAEL	(2) 3	WALES	(1) 3

SKIING

Maier endures an agony of waiting

From Iain Macleod, Vail, Colorado

Ulrike Maier yesterday brought to an end Austria's dismal showing at the 1989 world championships when she won the woman's super giant slalom title, having been undeterred by the usually disadvantageous start number of one.

There was little to choose between the first three in a superb race of fluctuating fortunes. Many of the seeded skiers posted fast intermediate times, superior to those of Maier, only to squander the advantage on the steep, bottom part of the course.

Maier, who comes from the small gold-diggers' village of Rauris, and claims her hobby is to dig for the precious metal, was by no means the fastest on the top part of the course. But she skied superbly on the bumps and rolls on the bottom third to finish in 1min 19.46sec.

She then had to endure the most anxious half hour of her life. Her compatriot, Sigrid Wolf, the Olympic champion who won twice here two years ago, put her knowledge of the course to excellent use to win the silver medal, only 0.03 seconds adrift of Maier. Michaela Gerg, of West Germany, won the bronze.

A surprise was the performance of the favourite, Carole Merle. The French World Cup champion skied out early on to offer yet another illustration of the importance of being able to peak on the day.

Maier, though, must have thought at one stage that she was to be denied the victory which clearly meant so much to her. Karen Percy, of Canada, was 0.22sec ahead at the first intermediate time, while the defending champion, Maria Walliser, of Switzerland, was even more impressive — 0.50sec and 0.23sec in front at the two checkpoints.

Maier, with tears welling in her eyes, watched the giant screen at the finish as each racer finished, unable to surpass her time.

"This is obviously my greatest race ever," Maier said. "It was quite horrible waiting at the finish after a start at No. 1. This win makes me very happy because throughout the World Cup season I have been close to victory a few times and it's great having that first win in the world championships."

For Mateja Svet, of Yugoslavia, there was to be no repeat of her historic slalom win on Tuesday. Svet did not even finish in the top 15 but was still content with the gold that had triggered off unprecedented celebrations in her home province of Slovenia.

WOMEN'S SUPER GIANT SLALOM: 1, U Maier (Austria), 1min 19.46sec; 2, S Wolf (Austria), 1:19.49; 3, M Gerg (WG), 1:19.50; 4, M Walliser (Switz), 1:19.89; 5, R Moesenlechner (WG), 1:20.08; 6, M Figini (Switz), 1:20.08; 7, M McKendry (Can), 1:20.27; 8, P Kronberger (Austria), 1:20.38; 9, Anita Wachter (Austria), 1:20.39; 10, K Percy (Can), 1:20.47. 34, V Scott (GB), 1:24.84. WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, M Svet (Yug), 1min 30.88sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz), 1:31.49; 3, T McKinney (US), 1:31.56; 4, B Fernandez-Ochoa (Sp), 1:31.75; 5, I Salvenmoser (Austria), 1:32.57; 6, M Maierhofer (Austria), 1:32.77; 7, A Gersch (WG), 1:33.37; 8, E Twardokens (US), 1:33.40; 9, F Masnada (Fr), 1:33.45; 10, P Freiher (Fr), 1:33.60.

ATHLETICS

Calf injury forces Coe out of championship

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Sebastian Coe, whose frequent indispositions have pockmarked an otherwise shining athletics career, has had to withdraw from the European indoor championships next weekend because his injured right calf is not responding to treatment.

Coe won gold and silver medals at both the 1980 and 1984 Olympic Games, but ran in neither world championships, in 1983 and 1987, nor has made it yet to a Commonwealth Games final, due to either illness or injury. He was preselected for the European championships in The Hague on February 18 and 19 as something of a sop for having been rejected by the 1988 Olympic Games selection committee.

His strained calf, however, forced him to withdraw at the last minute from his season's indoor debut last week. He has now decided to drop all plans to run indoors, including this Sunday in Stuttgart, and a potential world championship race in Budapest in early March, assuming he ran well in The Hague.

Peter Coe, his coach, said yesterday: "It's a general tightness in his calf. He can run on it, but he can't get up on his toes, and if he's going to run indoors, he wants to acquit himself well. It's not responding to treatment, so rest is the best cure. If he progresses satisfactorily, he may run road relays next month, otherwise it will be June before he races."

● Hugh Jones, one of Britain's top marathon runners, has been forced to withdraw from the London Marathon in April following an operation for a foot injury. Jones, who won the event in 1982 and who was second and third in 1986 and 1987 respectively, has had surgery on his right foot.

Moon makes the running for Wales

By Michael Austin

Sheffield Polytechnic.. 12
Polytechnic of Wales.. 20

Wales, prospering on the influence of Aled Williams and Rupert Moon, accomplished half backs, reached their seventh British Polytechnics Cup final in 10 years when overcoming a plucky Sheffield team at Sutton Coldfield yesterday.

Moon, the younger brother of Richard, the Harlequins scrum half, scored two tries from scrums, the area in which Wales were most dominant, while Williams made a considerable contribution with towering touch kicks when Sheffield exerted pressure in the first half.

Sheffield, beaten 27-4 by Wales in last year's final, led by nine points at half-time but ultimately failed to match Wales's physical presence or the organization of their pack.

The match prompted few superlatives. Wales adopted a tight approach and Sheffield lacked the possession to develop a handling game. Gregory, who scored all Sheffield's points — including two long-range penalty goals — pounced for a try after Tate had charged down Williams's kick, his side leading for almost an hour before the loss of Challis, the No. 8, with a cut nose, caused costly disruption.

Moon survived a facial wound to become the architect of a victory which galvanizes Wales's hopes of a ninth title. As well as Moon's tries, Wales scored through Warren and Williams, whose silky 30-yard run and two conversions, the last from the touchline, completed the victory.

SCORERS: Sheffield: Try: Gregory. Conversion: Gregory. Penalty goals: Gregory (2). Wales: Tries: Moon (2), Warren, Williams. Conversions: Williams (2).
SHEFFIELD POLYTECHNIC: I Lawson; M Spence, K Mills, P Holdstock, A Sandilands; G Gregory, R Irwin; A Hunt, N Gregsines, H Davies, A Tate, W Davison, A Cowell, I Williams, J Challis (rep: M Yeoman).
POLYTECHNIC OF WALES: C Griffen; A Porter, S Wood, C Evans, P Hughes; A Williams, R Moon; T Hill, D Titcombe, C Connolly, S Baston, D Law, J Berringham, J Pearn, T Warren.
Referee: K Roberts (North Midlands)

Record is equalled by holders

By Gordon Allan

St Mary's 21
Charing C-Westminster 3

St Mary's beat Charing Cross-Westminster by three tries, two penalties and a dropped goal to a penalty at Cobham yesterday to reach the Hospitals Cup final on March 8. It will be their 13th consecutive final, equalling the record set by Guys.

It was a patchy performance by the holders. They did well at the lineouts through O'Leary, the Wasps lock, but were outscrummaged.

Only when the ball was cleared to the backs did the main difference show. St Mary's ran more directly and handled more crisply than their rivals, who had nobody of the quality of Simms, the England centre.

Fawcett kicked Charing Cross-Westminster into the lead with a 40-metre penalty and Wintle dummied to score a try for St Mary's.

McLaren opened the second half with a penalty for St Mary's. For the next 20 minutes Charing Cross-Westminster, with their props, Watkins and Gould, outstanding in the loose contested every inch.

But tiredness set in during the last quarter and St Mary's scored four times to make their win look easier than it was. McLaren, taking a pass from O'Connor, his nippy scrum half, dropped a goal, and Walters crossed for two tries. In injury time McLaren landed another penalty.

The other semi-final, between the London and Royal Free, is at Herne Hill Stadium next Wednesday. The venue of the final has still to be decided.

SCORERS: St Mary's: Tries: Wintle, Walters (2). Penalties: McLaren (2). Dropped goal: McLaren. Charing Cross-Westminster: Penalty: Fawcett.
ST MARY'S: R Wintle; R Robinson, K Simms, D Gillan, J Walters; D McLaren, I O'Connor; D Vaughan, S Stacey, A Ellery, J Hartley, S O'Leary, P Tooze-Hobson, S Kelly, P Mitchell.
CHARING CROSS-WESTMINSTER: B Smith; S Kelly, J Richards, J Spreadbrough, C Swan; A Fawcett, A Raybould; A Watkins, S Vavasour, L Gould, M Jeffries, T Creed, M Mason, T Cookson, R Walker.
Referee: J Moss (London).

University too strong for Army

By Peter Bills

Cambridge University . 24
The Army 14

The form book suggests it will be the Army who start this year's Interservices Championship next month as favourites. They have dominated it since 1920 and, on yesterday's evidence, Cambridge believe they pose a considerable threat.

There might not have seemed a great deal of difference on paper between the University's victory at Grange Road yesterday and their win over the Royal Navy last week. But Tony Rogers, the Cambridge coach, felt the Army gave his side a much harder game in losing by a goal, three tries, a penalty goal and dropped goal to a goal and two tries.

For the Army it was a valuable exercise. They scored an early try but then saw Cambridge's superior skills give them an unassailable advantage at 24-4. To their credit, the Army stuck to their task and scored two late tries, one of them converted, to give the scoreline a more balanced look.

For Cambridge, Townsley scored one of the best tries, finishing off a lovely piece of work by Graham Davies.

SCORERS: Cambridge: Tries: Bryant (2), Givens, Townsley. Penalty goal: Townsley. Conversion: Townsley. Dropped goal: Glasgow. Army: Tries: Drakeley, Tucker, Hopkins. Conversion: Steele.
CAMBRIDGE: *A Buzza (Redruth CS and Hughes Hall, capt); R Givens (Rugby and Jesus), *M Hall (Bryntag CS and Wolfson; rep: *C Glasgow, Dollar Academy and Magdalene), S Townsley (Solihull and Pembroke), *G Davies (Pencoed CS and Magdalene); *A Davies (Pencoed and Robinson), S James (Monmouth and Hughes Hall); *J Foster (Magdalene GS Oxford and Robinson), *J Ashworth (George Fox Lancaster and Homerton), *S Wordley (Queen Mary's GS Walsall and Downing), N Allen (Berkhamsted and St Johns), B Gibson (Sullivan Upper Northern Ireland and Churchill), *M Vickerstaff (Bishop Veysey's GS and Selwyn), S Holmes (Cockermouth GS Cumbria and St Edmunds') *S Bryant (Sherborne and Hughes Hall).
*denotes a Blue.
ARMY: Capt E Gordon-Lennox; Sgt E Atkins, 2nd Lt S Hopkins, Sgt D Tucker, Lt L Drakeley; Lt J Steele, Sgt G Morgan; L/Cpl G Graham, Gnr C Wood, Capt C Campbell, Lt G Knight, Maj B McCall (capt), Sgt C Turley, Lt G Richardson, Lt J O'Sullivan.
Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool)

Scots' five newcomers

There will be five new caps in Scotland's side to meet France in the B international match at Melrose on February 18, and compared to the team that played against Italy in December only three of the 15 named yesterday will wear the same numbers (Alan Lorimer writes).

The five new caps include both the half-backs, David Shiel, of Jed-Forest, and Julian Scott.

The others are the Boroughmuir tighthead prop Peter Wright, Jim Hay, at hooker, and flanker Adam Buchanan-Smith.

SCOTLAND B: M Wright (Kelso); D Stark (Ayr), B Edwards (Boroughmuir), R Maclean (Gloucester), L Renwick (London Scottish); D Shiel (Jed-Forest), J Scott (Stewart's-Melville); D Milne (Heriots' FP), J Hay (Hawick), P Wright (Boroughmuir), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), A Buchanan-Smith (London Scottish), C Richardson (London Scottish, captain), K Rafferty (Heriots' FP). Replacements: I Ramsay (Melrose), T Exeter (London Scottish), S Jardine (South Glamorgan Institute), R Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), D Bucher (London Scottish), J Runciman (Melrose).
FRANCE B: J Dupuy (Toulouse); S Lacombe (Agen), A Salas (Graulhet), E Blanc (Racing, captain), P St André (Montferrand); T Lacroix (Dax), A Hueberg (Lourdes); J-M Pugnier (Graulhet), M Dal Maso (Mont-de-Marsan), L Seigne (Agen), H Chaffardon (Grenoble), J Cadieu (Toulouse), T Maset (Toulouse), O Roumat (Dax), P Benetton (Agen). Replacements: V Moscato (Begles), J-M Ithurbide (Bayonne), P Arthapignet (Tarbes), E Sauboua (Dax), B Labat (Tarbes), F Velo (Grenoble).

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 117, Washington Bullets 105; New Jersey Nets 109, Seattle SuperSonics 99; Milwaukee Bucks 115, Cleveland Cavaliers 106; Chicago Bulls 118, Charlotte Hornets 93; Utah Jazz 98, Miami Heat 77; Portland Trail Blazers 134, Dallas Mavericks 125; Sacramento Kings 114, San Antonio Spurs 92.

CRESTA RUN

JUNCTION HANDICAP SENIORS CUP: 1, C Harris (Aus); 2, C Board (GB); 3, J Ellis (GB); 4, P Davidson (GB); 5, R Diggle (GB); 6, A Diethelm (Switz).
ABIS VATINELLA CHALLENGE CUP: 1, E Hotz, 153.78; 2, A Diethelm, 154.40; 3, U Burgerstein, 156.750. British: 6, R Tice, 157.38.

CRICKET

SHELL TROPHY: Christchurch: Otago 298 for 6 dec and 142 for 5 dec; Canterbury 161 for 3 dec and 195 (R Latham 50; S Boock 4 for 67). Otago won by 85 runs. Hamilton: Northern Districts 274 (C Cairns 110; S Brown four for 102); Auckland 31 for 7.

CYCLING

MALAGA: Tour of Andalusia: First stage (138km): 1, G Saronni (It), 3hr 50min 22sec; 2, F Ballerini (It), 3:50:56; 3, J Vanderaerden (Neth), 3:52:00; 4, A Da Silva (Por), 3:53:00; 5, E Vanderaerden (Bel), same time; 6, J-L Villanueva (Sp), 3:54:00.
ST REMY DE PROVENCE, France: Grand Prix de St Remy de Provence (141km): 1, T Claveyrolat (Fr), 3:40:17; 2, G Winterberg (Switz); 3, R Pensec (Fr), same time. British: 7, R Millar; 17, W Bennington, both at 3:05.

TABLE TENNIS

CHARLEROI, Belgium: European Top 12 tournament: Final overall positions: Men: 1, J-O Waldner (Swe) 10, wins; 2, E Lindh (Swe), 9; 3, J Persson (Swe), 7. Women: 1, O Nemes (WG), 9 wins; 2, C Batorfi (Hun), 8; 3, D Guergueltcheva (Bul), 8.

GOLF

VALDERRAMA, Spain: Hotel de Golf pro-am: Second round: 144: C Defoy (Coombe Hill), 74, 70. 147: A Sherborne (Long Ashton), 73, 74. 150: K Williams (Coombe Hill), 75, 75. 154: K Stewaly (Cawder), 79, 75. Team: 268: Coombe Hill.

HOCKEY

NATIONWIDE ANGLIA OXFORDSHIRE UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Bloxham 1, Witney HC 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bishop's Stortford Coll 3, Felsted 3; Wellington 3, Radley 1.
BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Men's semi-final: Staffordshire 2, Portsmouth 0. Women's semi-finals: Liverpool 3, Portsmouth 0; Brighton 3, Sheffield 0.

ICE HOCKEY

GOTHENBURG: International match: Sweden 3, Soviet Union 4.
EDMONTON, Alberta: National Hockey League All-Star game: Campbell Conference 9, Wales Conference 5.

RUGBY FIVES

CLUB MATCH: Old Bedfordians (J Barrie, P Henson, P Welch, M Daniel) 164, Ruffish (No, Neyman, Ott-Mia) 44.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Newport 13, Bridgend 21; Rugby 24, RAF 11.
HERTFORDSHIRE FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Cheshunt 9, Stockwood Park 21.
UNDER-18 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Presidents XV 15 Glasgow 15.
CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University 26, Royal Navy 10; Cambridge University 24, Army 14.
BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Wales 20, Sheffield 12; Bristol 20, Leeds 6.

ATHLETICS

SYDNEY: 5,000 women's metres walk: K Saxby (Aus), 43min 26.12sec (world record).

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCH: Group five: Limassol: Cyprus 2, Scotland 3.
BANGKOK: King's Cup: Soviet Union 1, South Korea 0; Thailand A 2, China 0.
ATHENS: International Match: Greece 1, England 2.
TEL AVIV: International match: Israel 3, Wales 3.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Republic of Ireland 0, France 0 (at Dalymount Park, Dublin).
UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL: Greece 1, England 0 (at Patras).
B AND Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Falkirk 2, Queen of the South 0. Postponed: Morton v Kilmarnock. Second division: Queen's Park 4, Stranraer 3. Postponed: Dumbarton v Albion Rovers.
WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Newport 0, Hereford 1.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Manchester City 0; Everton 3, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Manchester United 0, Nottingham Forest 0. Second division: Bradford 2, Scunthorpe 1; Grimsby 2, Mansfield 1; Middlesbrough 3, Doncaster 1; Notts County 4, Bolton 0; Oldham 6, York 0; Rotherham 1, Darlington 2.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Wimbledon 1, Crystal Palace 1.
IRISH LEAGUE: Budweiser Cup: First round, first leg: Cliftonville 1, Newry 2.
FA TROPHY: Second round replays: Barrow 0, Cheltenham 0 (aet); Dartford 2, Dover 0; Gretna 2, Hyde 3 (aet; 2-2 after 90min); Kettering 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 2.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Grays 2, Slough 1; Leytonstone/Ilford 2, Kingstonian 0. First division: Leatherhead 1, Wembley 0. Second division north: Purfleet 0, Tring 0; Witham 2, Tilbury 6.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Fourth round, second leg: Burton 3, Moor Green 1 (aggregate: 4-1); Gloucester 1, Baldock 1 (agg: 2-1); Merthyr 0, Atherstone 2 (agg: 0-4). Premier division: Redditch 1, Ashford 5.
KNIGHT FLOODLIT LEAGUE: Saffron Walden 2, Harlow 1.
LONDON SENIOR CUP: Second round: Barking 4, Ford 1; Clapton 2, Barkingside 1; Leyton-Wingate 2, Hayes 1.
RUSSELL GRANT MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: Hendon 1, Brentford 3.
SURREY SENIOR CUP: Second round: Epsom and Ewell 1, Whyteleafe 0.
SCHOOLS: ESFA Trophy: Quarter-final: Plymouth 2, Stroud 1. ESFA Mitre Trophy: Regional semi-final: Shropshire 0, Merseyside 3 (aet).
DELCO CUP: Tuesday: Dorking 1 Carshalton 2.
SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Heriot-Watt 2, Aberdeen 0; Edinburgh 3, Strathclyde 0.
BPSA CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Trent 0, Brighton 0 (aet: Brighton win 3-0 on pens).
BUENOS AIRES: Recopa final, second leg: Nacional (Uru) 0, Racing Club (Arg) 0. Nacional win 1-0 on aggregate.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Benfica 2, Maritimo 0; Porto 5, Viseu 0; Leixoes 1, Portimonense 2; Braga 3, Espinho 1; Belenenses 2, Farense 0; Chaves 4, Penafiel 1; Beira Mar 1, Guimaraes 2.

SWIMMING

EAST BERLIN (East Germany unless stated): MEN: 50m freestyle: 1, D Richter (EG), 23.36; 2, M Foris (Can), 23.49; 3, N Rudolph (EG), 23.53. 100m freestyle: 1, A Holmertz (Swe), 50.73; 2, T Werner (Swe), 50.84; 3, D Richter (EG), 51.25. 200m breaststroke: 1, J Cleveland (Can), 2:18.87; 2, R Beinhauer (Cz), 2:19.05; 3, F Postiglione (It), 2:21.31. British: 6, N Hudghton (GB), 2:22.21. 200m butterfly: 1, M Hermann (WG), 2:02.25; 2, R Hannemann (EG), 2:02.34; 3, V Yaroshchuk (USSR), 2:04.40. 200m backstroke: 1, S Sabolodnov (USSR), 2:02.84; 2, T Weber (EG), 2:03.13; 3, M Marcinkowski (EG), 2:03.81. 400 metres individual medley: 1, P Kuehl (EG), 4:20.58; 2, C Gessner (EG), 4:29.82; 3, J Leitzin (EG), 4:31.50. 400m freestyle: 1, U Dassler (EG), 3:51.28; 2, A Matzk (EG), 3:57.53; 3, S Pfeifer (WG), 3:58.35. British: 7, C McNeil (GB), 4:04.08. WOMEN: 400m individual medley: 1, D Hunger (EG), 4:49.11; 2, G Mueller (EG), 4:52.23; 3, C Maier (EG), 4:54.83. 50m freestyle: 1, M Mauerbrock (Neth), 26.54; 2, G Jensen (Den), 26.83; 3, S Schulze (EG), 26.93. British: 4, A Sheppard, 27.04. 200m freestyle: 1, H Friedrich (EG), 2min 01.36sec; 2, S Schulze (EG), 2:02.27; 3, M Jacobsen (Den), 2:02.81. 200m individual medley: 1, D Hunger (EG), 2:17.27; 2, S Herbst (EG), 2:19.18; 3, M Muis (Neth), 2:19.22. 100 metres backstroke: 1, A Eichhorst (EG), 1:04.25; 2, A Barnes (Can), 1:04.64; 3, M Sparks (EG), 1:04.73. British: 5, K Read (GB), 1:05.13. 100m butterfly: 1, B Weigang (EG), 1:01.54; 2, C Sievert (EG), 1:02.04; 3, K Nord (EG), 1:02.04. British: 4, M Scarborough (GB), 1:02.87. 100m breaststroke: 1, S Boernike (EG), 1:10.80; 2, A Rex (EG), 1:11.00; 3, G Cloutier (Can), 1:11.15. 400m freestyle: 1, G Mueller (EG), 4:12.56; 2, A Strauss (EG), 4:13.61; 3, K Hartmann (EG), 4:13.92.

TENNIS

ROTTERDAM: Grand prix tournament: First round: P Kuhnen (WG) bt M Mecir (Cz), 7-5, 6-1; W Masur (Aus) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Srejber (Cz), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 6-3, 6-1; C Bergstrom (Swe) bt M Srejber (Cz), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 6-3, 6-1; D Cahill (Aus) bt J Lozano (Mex), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; L Lavalle (Mex) bt M Westphal (WG), 7-5, 7-6. Second round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt P Cane (It), 6-3, 6-1; E Jelen (W Germany) bt Magnus Gustafsson (Sweden) 6-3, 6-2.
GUARUJA, Brazil: Guaruja open tournament: First round: L Mattar (Br) bt C Kist (Br), 6-2, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt R Arguello (Arg), 7-6, 6-1; M Wostenholme (Can) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-2, 6-3; M Hennemann (Br) bt E Oliveira (Br), 6-4, 6-3; R Jaceli (Br) bt R Acioly (Br), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; R Camargo (Br) bt I Kley (Br), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; G Barbosa (Br) bt J Daher (Br), 7-6, 6-4; R Viver (Ec) bt P Baliaut (WG), 7-6, 6-4; T Witsken (US) bt N Aerts (Br), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; D Marcelino (Br) bt M Allen (US), 6-3, 7-6.
CHICAGO: Volvo tournament: First round (US unless stated): J Kriek bt J Pugh, 6-2, 6-4; R Weiss bt R Leach, 6-2, 6-4; B Page bt J Ross, 6-1, 2-6, 6-2; H De La Pena (Arg) bt D Pate, 7-6, 7-5; D Goldie bt J Arias, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4.
TELFORD: LTA Challenger tournament: Third round: K Kinnear (US) bt M Petchey (Essex), 6-4, 6-4; P Nyborg (Swe) bt B Talbot (SA), 6-3, 6-1; S Colombo (It) bt B Pearce (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Tauson (Den) bt P Palandjian (US), 6-3, 6-2.

All clear

Nicky Reid, the Blackburn Rovers captain, has been cleared to resume training after his second ankle operation of the season.

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Llanelli cut link after brawl

By Owen Jenkins

Llanelli have called off fixtures with Pontypridd following their controversial Schweppes Cup rugby union match last month. The Llanelli committee met on Monday night to discuss the game after television highlights had singled out Pontypridd players involved in foul play. The Llanelli second row forward, Russell Cornelius, had to leave the field after being punched, and spent the night in hospital.

This comes as another blow to Pontypridd, whose second row, Adrian Owen, has this week been banned from playing for 17 weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union.

The Llanelli secretary, Ken Jones, said of the cancellation: "We consider the decision taken to be the right one and in the best interests of players on both sides. We consider it a cooling-off period. We don't know when we will resume fixtures, but we don't see us playing Pontypridd this season or the beginning of next season."

The clubs were due to meet again at Sardis Road on April 18 in one of the oldest fixtures in Welsh rugby. Owen's suspension could not have come at a worse time for his club. The club says that disciplinary measures have been taken since the Llanelli Cup tie. Owen, aged 32, and a former Bridgend captain, did not play in that game.

He was sent off, for the fourth time in his career, against Abertillery on January 11 for aiming a kick at the opposing prop, Paul Manning. Owen received six weeks' suspension for that offence and one week for being sin-binned in October, plus another 10 weeks under the topping-up procedure after being sent off when playing for Bridgend against Swansea in 1985.

He was banned for 22 weeks after being sent off against Bristol in 1986, but became the first player to have a ban set aside after appealing to the union's executive committee. The suspension means that Owen will miss the rest of the season, and he will not be eligible to play until September 12.

However, he has discounted suggestions that his career is at an end. He said: "I will be back playing for Pontypridd as soon as the ban is over."

Cenydd Thomas, the Pontypridd press officer, said: "We are pleased that Adrian's personal hearing did have some effect. It has come at a bad time for us, but all in all we are breathing a sigh of relief that it wasn't worse."

England survive a critical test after disastrous start

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Athens

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England, a goal down within a minute, recovered to restore a modest measure of their reputation, pride and belief here in a cold and deserted Olympic stadium yesterday afternoon. Yet the persistent weakness, the inability to take chances, remains and it diminished the glow of a narrow victory.

Greece are one of the weakest European nations. With only one win themselves in a busy season of eight fixtures, they are undergoing a transition. Even their manager is a caretaker. In spite of their initial strike, they should have been defeated by a wider margin.

But England did at least walk triumphant out of a silent ground. When they re-enter the international arena, they will face a more determined opposition and a bigger and more hostile crowd. The next World Cup qualifying tie, against Albania in Tiranë, lies an unnerving month away.

The opening was calamitous. Butcher, preferring an apparently safe route, swept a long, square pass out to Stevens. The right back hesitated, was dispossessed by Saravakos, reputedly the most talented of the Greeks, and England were instantly in trouble of their own making as Samaras broke through an unguarded path.

Walker, visibly short of the pace for which he was selected, was caught unawares as Butcher, lacking natural speed, lunged at the centre forward's ankles. A penalty was justly awarded and Shilton, on his 103rd appearance, suffered the indignity of conceding England's first goal against Greece. Saravakos claimed the historic distinction.

They were alarming indications that the prolonged sequence of disappointments last year, during which England won only three of their dozen matches and scored a mere nine goals, has not yet been left behind. The vast arena suddenly looked as grey and inhospitable as a lonely graveyard in winter.

But England, seemingly dead if not buried almost before they had begun, responded. Significantly, though, they were allowed to by a side which, throughout the first half, offered unlimited freedom to all but Lineker and Smith. The former Leicester City allies were each accompanied by long, dark shadows and covered by a sweeper.

The others could roam in areas which were populated no more heavily than those of the terraces. Bryan Robson, for instance, took a free kick, waited until Pearce, Lineker and Smith had engineered an opening for him, and strolled unmarked to the edge of the area. He pulled his shot wide.

In the next minute, the seventh, England equalized. Bobby Robson had been seeking "an international performance" from Barnes, the enigma of a winger who has yet to prove that he is worthy of a place even after collecting 44 caps. He did at least provide his manager with one moment to enjoy.

After one of several heavy and illegitimate challenges from the front pair on Smith, England were awarded a free kick in a position in which Barnes can be so dangerous. He confirmed the threat with a delicate chip which struck the underside of the bar and the back of the Greek goalkeeper before rolling in.

Before half-time, England could, and should, have been ahead. Lineker, formerly so prolific but now without a goal in his last six appearances, attempted an extraordinary headed half-volley when a simple prod to turn in Butcher's deliberate header would have sufficed.

Barnes, released delightfully by the impressive Webb, controlled the through ball comfortably enough but his volley was aimless. After an effort from Smith had been deflected for a corner, Butcher's glancing header at the near post was cleared off the line. During the interval, English optimism had reached unforeseen heights.

But Bobby Robson's side returned without a sense of urgency. At one stage the manager, infuriated by his defenders' reluctance to build an attack, leapt off his seat on the running track and gesticulating angrily, pointed in the direction in which he wanted the ball to go.

Instead, the Greeks were permitted to search for an unlikely winner. Shilton, untroubled except for a lofted free kick which he failed to claim midway through the first half, was disturbed by a drive from Tsiantakis shortly after the hour. It was to be Greece's parting shot.

England, curiously apathetic, created little in return apart from attempts by Bryan Robson and Barnes before Smith, incapable of escaping from his personal guard, was taken off. With a dozen minutes to go, Beardsley resumed his partnership with Lineker and, with both playing a significant role, the benefit was immediate.

Beardsley freed Barnes on the left, the ensuing cross was nodded down by Lineker to Bryan Robson, lurking as usual on the edge of the area. His acrobatic volley was firm, accurate and decisive. The captain, as he had done so often in 1988, had risen admirably above an occasion which was otherwise no more than moderately satisfactory.

GREECE: S Ikonomopulos, Y Hadjiharalambous (sub: J Manolas), G Kutsias, K Mavridis, J Kalitzakis, P Tsalkidis, D Saravakos, K Lagonidis (sub, K Borbokis), Y Samaras (sub: N Kalogeropoulos), N Nikolaou, N Tsiantakis.

ENGLAND: P Shilton (Derby County), G Stevens (Rangers), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), T Butcher (Rangers), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Rocastle (Arsenal), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), B Robson (Manchester United), J Barnes (Liverpool), A Smith (Arsenal; sub: P Beardsley, Liverpool), G Lineker (Barcelona).

Referee: H Holzmann (Austria).

No way forward: Lineker (front) is blocked by Kalitzakis, of Greece, in Athens yesterday

Robson acknowledges the value of victory

Bobby Robson, the England manager, acknowledged the value of yesterday's result. "We needed the win desperately," he said. "This will restore some confidence and belief and is just what we needed before Albania. It has done us a lot of good.

"We had looked a bit complacent and lacked a bit of urgency in the second half," he conceded. "The game lacked a little bit of urgency, but I think we made more chances than the Greek team and I'm very happy.

"One or two players looked as though they were happy for a 1-1 draw – but I wasn't. The skipper started chasing and harassing and we became more aggressive. It was our competitive spirit in the last 10 minutes that won us the match.

"When you get off to a start like that and finish up winning, you can only be happy. And Robson's goal was a goal to win any game."

The manager added that he expected next month's World Cup qualifying match against Albania to be hard. "Similar style, similar temperament, similar type of players . . . it's going to be a difficult match

Visitors evade crowd riot

The Scotland party evaded a riot which followed their match with Cyprus in Limassol yesterday afternoon. The Scottish players and officials were locked inside their dressing room in the Tsirion Athletic Centre as angry Cyprus supporters went on the rampage following Scotland's victory.

The decision of the referee, Siegfried Kirschen, of East Germany, to play six minutes of injury time, during which Scotland scored the decisive goal, infuriated some members of the crowd. Kirschen, who added on time to compensate for time-wasting, was struck by one of several missiles hurled from the crowd and then knocked unconscious by a punch thrown by one of the supporters.

He needed a police escort before leaving the field, but once in the sanctuary of the dressing room the crowd fury broke out again with around 500 supporters attempting to break down two doors to get at the officials and the Scottish party. It was left to 20 police officers to resist them and ensure the safety of the visitors.

Reinforcements, wielding batons, eventually broke up the mob but the Scots were taken straight to the airport to fly back to Scotland.

The hurried departure meant the cancellation of a post-match Press conference but Andy Roxburgh, the Scottish coach, said: "We got out of jail. I'm greatly relieved to get away with both points."

Late goal revives Scottish hopes

From Roddy Forsyth
Limassol

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Scotland revived their hopes of reaching the World Cup finals in Italy next year with a heart-stopping climax to their match here yesterday. In the sixth minute of stoppage time, against a tenacious Cyprus team, Richard Gough headed his second goal to bring a victory which had looked to be beyond Andy Roxburgh's players. Now the Scots have a significant advantage over France, whom they meet in Glasgow on March 8.

The speed of play appeared to confuse the home defenders in the eighth minute when Savva rose to intercept a through ball only to direct his header backwards into the path of Johnston. Although he was harrassed by the chasing Socratou, Johnston beat the Cyprus goalkeeper.

With Scotland apparently in command the pitch proved fateful. Narey, attempting to cover a long ball played towards the Scottish penalty area, was wrong-footed when it took an unexpected bounce and fell to Kolliandris, who turned it out of reach of Leighton.

Eight minutes from the interval, Cyprus almost conceded a foolish goal when Pantziaras came too slowly for a high ball and Socratou was forced to head backwards, beyond the vacant goalmouth. But within a minute of the restart, Scotland were behind after a defensive shambles. The bounce of the ball again baffled Leighton when Kolliandris's free kick fell in front of him, and Malpas was forced to boot clear for a corner. Leighton came out for the kick, but lost sight of the ball, and after a desperate mêlée in the goalmouth it was played on to Ioannou, who had only to prod it across the line.

Scotland were now trying to salvage the match, and seven minutes later they were level when Speedie chipped towards Gough and the Rangers defender stabbed in a shot.

Then, in the most dramatic of circumstances, with the East German referee having allowed play to run more than five minutes beyond normal time, Aitken took a free kick on the left and Gough rose to head powerfully into the net.

CYPRUS: G Pantziaras (Apollon), C Pittas (Apollon), C Ellenidiotis (Apoel), G Christodoulou (Omonia), M Socratou (Aek), Y Ylangopoulos (Apollon) (captain), C Kolliandris (Aek), P Savva (Aek; sub: C Petsas (Omonia)), G Savvides (AEK Athens), F Nicolaou (Salamina), I Ioannou (Apoel).

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Manchester United), R Gough (Rangers), M Malpas (Dundee United), R Aitken (Celtic) (captain), A McLeish (Aberdeen), D Narey (Dundee United), S Nicol (Liverpool; sub: I Ferguson (Rangers)), P McStay (Celtic), B McClair (Manchester United), D Speedie (Coventry City; sub: A Mcinally (Aston Villa)), M Johnston (Nantes).

Referee: S Kirschen (East Germany).

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	8	3	5
Scotland	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
France	3	1	1	1	4	4	3
Norway	3	1	0	2	4	3	2
Cyprus	4	0	1	3	3	11	1

RESULTS: Norway 1, Scotland 2; France 1, Norway 0; Scotland 1, Yugoslavia 1; Cyprus 1, France 1; Cyprus 0, Norway 3; Yugoslavia 3, France 2; Yugoslavia 4, Cyprus 0; Cyprus 2, Scotland 3.

Howe threatens to leave

By Dennis Signy

Don Howe, the Wimbledon coach, upset by the dismissals of Vinny Jones and Eric Young in the last two matches, has told the players he will consider leaving Plough Lane if there are further disciplinary problems.

Howe was in Athens yesterday as coach to the England team that beat Greece 2-1. Sam Hammam, the managing director of Wimbledon, declined to discuss the matter but confirmation of Howe's threat to leave, made in the dressing room at Goodison Park last Saturday, came from a senior player who declined to allow his name to be used.

Bobby Gould, the manager, has yet to announce what action if any, he intends to take against Jones, whose dismissal at Goodison Park has been confirmed by the Football Association as for violent conduct and "head to head contact" with Kevin Ratcliffe, the Everton captain.

Howe and Gould have worked hard this season to improve Wimbledon's poor disciplinary record.

● The FA yesterday confirmed that Jones will be suspended for four matches after being sent off at Goodison Park (Louise Taylor writes). In his written report Michael Peck, the referee, said that he had dismissed the Wimbledon player for violent conduct which qualifies for an automatic three-match ban. Jones, however, is barred for a further game after also being shown a red card for violent conduct during a pre-season friendly.

Any decision as to whether Jones is to be charged with bringing the game into disrepute will be deferred until Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, returns from Greece.

RFU in battle against touts

The Rugby Football Union yesterday claimed some success in the battle against ticket touts operating for internationals at Twickenham (John Goodbody writes).

Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, confirmed that two clubs and three schools were being asked how some of their allocations of tickets for the England v. Scotland international last Saturday ended up on the "black-market".

He denied reports that five members of the RFU had been blacklisted. He added they could lose their rights to tickets if their explanations were not acceptable.

END COLUMN

Sponsor opts to abandon the ship

By Barry Pickthall

Peter de Savary and his crew have been brought up by a round turn with the decision of Mitchell Fromstein, the new supremo of Blue Arrow, to pull out of the sponsorship commitments linking the troubled employment agency to Britain's leading America's Cup challenge.

The news, given yesterday to the 43-strong staff gathered together for the project, ends a remarkable partnership launched on a tide of money and enthusiasm 22 months ago in an effort to win back the sporting world's oldest trophy.

Tony Berry, Blue Arrow's former chief executive, who was ousted in a boardroom coup last month after shares and profits had taken an unpredicted nosedive, pledged £10 million (a seventh of last year's profits) towards a four-year campaign to realise de Savary's dream.

So far, £4.2 million has been spent setting up the management and design infrastructure, together with a base in Falmouth docks which saw the launch last year of the syndicate's ill-fated foiler. The 65ft yacht was designed and built in a frantic 13-week period in an effort to break into last year's one-sided Cup races between the New Zealand monohull and Dennis Conner's vastly superior American catamaran.

First craft broke up off Cornwall

The New York Supreme Court, which is now adjudicating on that result, barred the British boat from the contest, but a £440,000 investment scooped a pool of publicity Blue Arrow valued at £20 million, after the craft broke up in spectacular fashion last October during trials in Mounts Bay.

The boat, destined now to become a museum piece, remains as a tribute to British design ingenuity and a striking achievement in the world of sponsorship. More recently, the Blue Arrow group has been making headlines without need for de Savary's support and after a period of reflection, Fromstein has decided to concentrate on profit-making.

The news was broken to de Savary at a meeting in New York last week, and though terms for an orderly withdrawal from a binding contract have yet to be negotiated, the British millionaire is already looking for a new partner. "I am committed to the next America's Cup and our group will continue in its present form even if I have to fund it through other sources, including my own," de Savary said during a business visit to Oman yesterday.

His syndicate has issued two of the five challenges lodged by Britain with the San Diego YC for the event. Supreme Court willing, it is proposed to hold off California in May, 1991. Should New Zealand win its action, then de Savary is equally committed to having his bulldog challenge motif flying from a masthead in Auckland for their series in November of the same year.

De Savary intends to press ahead

The group already have seven supporting sponsors in place including General Motors, Cellnet and Intergraph Computers, adding £3 million to the overall budget, and according to John Mitchell, the challenge's marketing director, other companies were quick to make tentative approaches yesterday to fill the vacuum.

However confident de Savary is of locating fresh sponsorship though, Blue Arrow's departure is bound to have a knock-on effect on other syndicates who have yet to announce any sponsorship support.

Graham Walker, who led Britain's White Crusader challenge in the last multi-nation series off Perth two years ago, and has entered a rival challenge for the next event, said yesterday that a number of companies have shown interest but are not prepared to commit themselves until the date and venue has been decided and the America's Cup industry has got itself into better shape.

"Blue Arrow's support has been very important for the sport during this period of uncertainty and generated enormous publicity. Perhaps Peter and I should now be talking with a plan to combine forces to produce the strongest possible British challenge, rather than dilute resources," he said yesterday.

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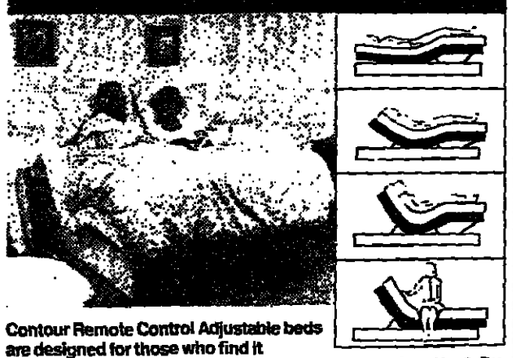

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Pinsent to answer allegations

By John Goodbody

A summons has been issued on Steve Pinsent, a 1982 Commonwealth Games weightlifting champion, to appear at the Aylesbury Magistrates Court on February 16 to answer charges on selling anabolic steroids, the body-building drug.

In the summons, he is being charged, between January 1, 1986 and May 3, 1988, with offences of conspiring with another person against the 1968 Medicines Act, which makes it illegal to sell prescription-only medical products.

Pinsent, aged 33, has been one of the outstanding British competitors of the last decade. As a middleweight, he was third in the 1978 Commonwealth Games and competed in the Moscow and Los Angeles Olympics. He won seven English titles before retiring three years ago.

It is not yet an offence to possess anabolic steroids without a medical prescription, although the Government is in the process of rectifying this by adding hormone drugs to the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971. They are, however, banned by the International Olympic Committee.

Ladbrokes go on the attack over levy

By Graham Rock

Peter George, chairman of Ladbroke Racing, yesterday described the Jockey Club's ultimate aspiration of four per cent of betting turnover to finance the sport as "an obscene demand."

Interviewed by Julian Wilson on BBC's broadcast from Ascot, he said: "In a few years four per cent would raise £200 million. That's an obscene demand and a rather stupid demand.

"Racing is doing very well, attendances are up and I don't think these (demands) are doing racing any good."

Asked to explain why bookmakers deduct 10 per cent from winning bets when tax and levy at the lowest rates amount to only nine per cent, he replied: "We do not make a profit out of tax. The mathematics of it is very complicated but we're making nothing out of it."

In response to a suggestion that Ladbrokes made substantial profits, in excess of £60 million, he explained: "You have to look at how much has been invested. Our returns were investigated by first a Royal Commission and then the Office of Fair Trading and if they had not been satisfied they would have referred the matter to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission."

Sir Ian Trethowan, chairman of the Levy Board, was interviewed immediately afterwards and stressed the need for a government inquiry into racing's finances. "There is no case for a reduction in the rate of levy, as proposed by the bookmakers, and the Home Secretary should set up an independent, in-depth investigation into all these issues.

"The inquiry would be able to examine the financial structures of all other racing countries, and decide if Britain is being short-changed."

Sir Ian wrote to the Home Secretary, commenting on a published letter from Alfie Bruce, chairman of the Bookmakers' Committee of the Levy Board, in which he asserted that the present structure of the levy is "tilted in favour of the bookmakers.

"The bookmakers have a statutory right of veto, but racing's interests do not."

SPORT IN BRIEF

A French recruit

French-born Corinne Stevens hopes to represent Britain in the world cycling championships this year now that she has been granted citizenship. Stevens, aged 27, from Rheims, is married to Dave Stevens, a Briton she met while he was living and racing in France.

She will make her debut in British colours in the Tour of Texas stage race which starts on March 31.

Out of action

Fran Clough, Wasps' England rugby union centre, has undergone an operation on a broken hand. His absence for Saturday's Pilkington Cup tie at home to Aspatria will solve a selection problem, for Wasps have two other international centres, Lozowski and Simms.

Clough: broken hand

Crewman dies

Ray Crawford, a crewman who went into a coma after sustaining a head injury at the start of the Sydney-Hobart yacht race, has died in hospital 43 days later.

Changing role

Norman Gifford, Sussex County Cricket Club's newly-appointed chief coach, has been forced to resign as a committee member with Warwickshire, only two weeks after being elected. Gifford was chosen by Sussex, as a successor to John Jameson, from a shortlist of nine. Geoff Arnold, the coach at Surrey, was not, as reported yesterday, among those who applied for the post at Sussex.

Havard named

Floyd Havard, the British super-featherweight champion unbeaten in 20 professional bouts, has been named as the No. 1 challenger to Racheed Lawal, of Denmark, the European champion. The contest is expected to take place in the spring.

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